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Budget targets 23 town jobs

by Arlene Surprenant
Fourteen full time positions and nine part time jobs will be eliminated from municipal government next year if Wilmington residents go along with Town Manager Michael Caira's proposed budget for fiscal 1993. Many of those to be laid off are summer employees.

Caira unveiled his recommended budget of \$33,642,535 at Monday's meeting of the board of selectmen. The total budget represents a \$96,986 decrease from spending in FY 1992.

Caira explained his budget anticipates an overall 2.48 percent decrease in available funds which means both the municipal and school budgets will have to be reduced by \$281,624. Caira is also proposing a \$49,399 decrease in the Shawshen Tech budget.

Caira called for a continuance of his financial austerity program begun last year. He projected level funding in state aid with the exception of gas tax revenues and school building assistance. He noted the governor plans to increase local aid targeted for education by \$186 million but said it was unclear how that will be earmarked and distributed. Caira said it was important to shift the town's revenue reliance from local aid to the tax levy and other local funding sources. The FY 1993 tax levy is estimated to be \$22,607,932. This includes a new growth figure of \$350,000 which the manager said was a "very accurate" prediction for new growth in town. Other revenue sources include local receipts, water department funds, and Chapter 90 construction funds.

On the downside, Caira said reductions will be felt because of an estimated \$335,587 decrease in local receipts, a \$145,900 loss in state aid, an estimated \$200,000 increase in employee health and life insurance, and a four dollar per ton increase in trash tipping fees.

Because of the implementation of a quarterly tax billing system, which has reportedly improved the town's cash flow, and the creation of a stabilization fund last year, it is expected that approximately \$75,000 will be realized and put into the stabilization fund prior to the April town meeting. That money, said Caira, will help pay for major capital expenditures which will be brought to voters in the form of warrant articles. Caira

is seeking to replace five police cruisers, a dump truck, and two minivans, and hoping to install a wheelchair lift at the West Intermediate School.

Caira's focus in preparing his budget plan was to concentrate on maintaining levels of service and staffing levels. However, said Caira, despite a program of attrition and consolidation of personnel to save jobs, he will be forced to

reduce the payroll by layoffs and reductions such as reducing hours for part time employees and replacing some full time positions with part time positions. Reductions in personnel will come across the board, though the Department of Public Works will suffer the greatest loss, said the manager. Slated to be eliminated at this time are two patrolmen, two firefighters, the assistant town engineer, three equipment operators, one mechanic, two custodians, one technical service assistant in the public library, a part time clerk in Elderly Services, and 10 summer workers in the water department and DPW. Also slated for elimination are 10 crossing guards.

Caira said he expects to maintain service to residents by utilizing parents and elderly citizens as volunteer crossing guards and using the prisoner program and volunteers from the community to help out in other areas, where needed. Reduced to part time levels will be a construction inspector in the public works department, a clerk in the planning board/conservation office, and a senior clerk in the recreation department. Caira has already consolidated the planning and conservation departments to save funds.

Since June 30, 1990, when Caira stepped in as town manager, to 1992 the town has seen the loss of 28 full time positions and 46 part time positions on the municipal side of government, Caira told selectmen. The manager also recognized his assistant manager Jeff Hull, his department heads, business staff, and his own staff for collaborating with him on the FY 1993 budget.

The next step in the process will be for the finance committee to review the proposed budget and make their own recommendations before the annual town meeting April 25. A schedule of upcoming fincom meetings will be announced shortly.



Clothing donations

Parishioners at St. Thomas Church have recently been both busy and generous. St. Thomas Parish Charities has been collecting food and clothing for those in need. The clothing is being forwarded to charities such as the Bristol Lodge Shelter, Middlesex Detox Center, Project Outreach, Mary's House and Meadow House. Among the helpers sorting clothes were Pat Archfield, Jeff Morin and Marie Butler.

Call for realistic school budget

by Arlene Surprenant
As school budget talks loom, several school committee members called for a realistic budget next year in keeping with the town manager's figures.

Supt. William Fay told committee members last week that Town Manager Michael Caira expects the schools to come in with a budget of \$12.1 million. That figure, he added, was \$250,000 less than the current budget.

Dr. Shirley Callan maintained the board would need \$12 million just to meet salaries for school personnel. According to Town Manager Michael Caira, the actual

figure is closer to \$10 million. Dr. Callan noted, too, with Wilmington ranked 25 out of 351 Massachusetts communities in per pupil spending, "we're not high on the list of anyone who's going to get any help."

Fay explained, with a consensus of Governor William Weld, business leaders, and state legislators that there is a need for school reform, as well as pending legislation, Wilmington could receive extra funds slated for education. Both the governor and legislators are outlining different proposals but both would spell money for local schools. Under the governor's plan, said Fay, the impact for Wilmington would be \$5400 per student or a total of two and a half million dollars additional in the current school budget. More money would be forthcoming under the legislators' plan.

Chairman Aldo Caira was skeptical and urged his board to base its budget on the manager's figures when budget discussions begin in February.

"Don't trust the legislature. Don't trust the governor," he said.

Meanwhile, said Fay, school officials are applying for \$76,385 in Emergency Legislative Aid which is available from the state. The superintendent said while 80 percent of the total \$32 million in aid will go to the larger cities, the remainder is available to all towns in the Commonwealth. Fay told the committee Wilmington is seeking the funds to put toward new textbooks. At Monday's board of selectmen's meeting, selectmen okayed the proposal which will now be hand carried to Boston to meet the January 30 deadline. Awards will be announced February 5.

Textron lands \$22.8m contract

The Naval Air Systems Command has awarded a \$22.8 million contract to Textron Defense Systems of Wilmington for modification of three precision approach and landing systems. The contract was announced on Tuesday, and is expected to be completed in March 1994. The exact amount of the contract is \$22,792,521.

Community Schools to reopen

by Arlene Surprenant
After two years the Wilmington Community schools will again be offering evening classes to residents and out of towners seeking to improve themselves or enrich their lives. A total of 33 classes will be taught in four main areas: education, physical fitness, arts and crafts, and homeowner studies.

Director Karen DiGiovine and

Assistant Director Melissa Nobile appeared before the school committee last Wednesday and requested permission to revive the evening program at Wilmington High School and other school buildings, as needed. Both women had taught in the adult education program before.

The two hour courses will be offered once a week for an eight

week session. A minimum of eight students is needed for each class.

According to a written description of Wilmington Community Schools, the program's purpose is "to help cultivate a positive community atmosphere and promote use of the buildings available." The cost of each class will be \$35 with a non-refundable registration fee of five dollars charged to Wilmington citizens and a \$10 fee charged to non-residents. Teachers' salaries will range from nine dollars to \$17 per hour. The program will be self-sufficient, said DiGiovine, and any surplus funds will be used to purchase materials for the school system.

Committee members approved the program at the high school and commended both the choice of subjects and the women for volunteering to start up the once successful program.

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Evaluations spur Fay's anger

by Arlene Surprenant
Wilmington School Supt. William Fay reacted in anger to several charges made last Wednesday and promised to call for a vote of confidence in his leadership ability during a tense public review of his evaluation by the local school committee. That evaluation by the school board placed Fay in the middle of the one to nine point rating scale and included some damaging statements by two female members of the board.

The evaluation included a total of 61 questions in five different areas of responsibility. Those areas were Relationships with the School Committee, Community Relationships, Staff and Personnel Relationships, Business and Finance, and Personal Qualities. Committee members ranked the superintendent either commendable, satisfactory, or unsatisfactory using numbers ranging from one, which was the lowest score, to nine, which was equivalent to commendable. Fay received a 4.7 overall average. Last year he received a 5.7 average.

After learning that the summaries at the end of each evaluation would be made public, Fay asked to make a few comments first. He noted that both Peg Kane and Dr. Shirley Callan gave him all unsatisfactory ratings. Andrea Paglia, he added, only gave him 55 unsatisfactory scores but called for his resignation. In comparison, Fay said the men on the committee gave him a total of three unsatisfactory scores, 61 satisfactory ratings, and 180 commendable scores.

Fay lashed out at the women's comments and ratings.

"How can you evaluate what you don't know and don't care to find out about?" he asked, alleging that the women committee members rarely met with him to discuss school issues.

Fay refused to accept what he called the "insulting, derogatory" comments in Kane's and Callan's summaries. He said he "will not have the three of you callously trample on my reputation after 20 years..." and went on to add that the evaluations were "malicious" and typical of the women board members' attitude to him during his tenure as superintendent.

Anne Linehan, who was in the hushed audience, interrupted Fay at one point and referred to his comments as "sexist." In his defense, Fay said he has tried to advance female administrators and other female staff members while he's been in charge of the system.

"I would hardly call that sex discrimination," he said.

In conclusion, Fay stated his intention to meet with the heads of all school unions to call for a vote of confidence in his ability.

"If the majority feels as you do," he told the women, "I'll resign."

Both Kane and Dr. Callan seemed taken aback by the superintendent's comments and the decision to make the summaries public. They said they stood by their conclusions of the superintendent's performance and wanted to read them aloud.

In her evaluation, Dr. Callan stated, "I am disappointed and dismayed to find there is not a

single area I can honestly say has improved in Bill's role as supt. In fact, quite to the contrary, I find alarming decreases in his job performance." Dr. Callan pointed to times when Fay allegedly exceeded his authority, "particularly in the area of collective bargaining agreements;" Fay's "poor handling" of the disability insurance issue, when he allegedly gave out a bonus to resolve the issue; and a letter to a finance committee member that "bordered on slander and character assassination."

Dr. Callan also targeted the superintendent for disregarding several votes of the committee and concluded her summary by saying, "I no longer trust his judgment, have faith in his competence, and seriously must question his integrity."

During her comments, Kane charged the superintendent with sex discrimination and "political maneuverings." She maintained that Fay was "trying to reproduce the Soviet Union here in Wilmington: a place where conversations must be reported, people are not to call committee members, chain of command letters are sent to some people but not others, sex discrimination is evident, and you (Fay) are in charge."

Kane went on to accuse Fay of negotiating with the teachers' union last year without her board's sanction. She added that Fay was a "consummate negotiator" but his job was to negotiate for and not against the school committee.

During the discussion, John DeMarco pointed to Fay's strengths as superintendent. He noted that Fay uses staff well in the development of such programs as the new middle school concept, makes students his priority, and shows an ability to get more for resident's tax dollars as in his flexibility with school buses in getting the same service for \$75,000 less.

Bob Peterson seemed disappointed with the women's comments and said they did nothing more than confirm what goes on at school board meetings.

"I just don't feel anything was accomplished by the evaluation of the superintendent..." Peterson said adding he doesn't expect any change until the board "changes in one way or another."

As of Wednesday afternoon, Fay had already met with some union heads and drafted a letter to be sent out to all unions seeking a vote of confidence in his performance thus far. In the letter Fay said that the evaluations of the three women board members "undermined" his ability to lead the system and called for union members to respond by filling out ballots giving him either a vote of confidence or no confidence.

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'Lean' budget approved for Tech

by Arlene Surprenant
A proposed FY1993 budget of \$10,838,266 was unanimously approved by the Shawsheen Tech School Committee following a budget hearing Tuesday night. The budget requested by Supt/Director Charles Lyons is \$290,091 more than that approved for 1992.

Lyons called his recommended budget the "leanest" budget presented during his tenure. Most of the increases will come in the following areas: insurance for teachers and retirees, Middlesex County retirement, utilities, contract cleaners, and a new building maintenance position. There is also an increase of \$42,861 for anticipated step increases for teachers. However, there is no provision for salary increases in 1993.

While Lyons recommended the elimination of 12 teaching positions and 11 department chairman positions last year, he is recommending no layoffs next year due to the fact that enrollment has stabilized.

Lyons is asking for a \$6,382 increase in the textbook account which would bring it to \$35,597.

Assuming state aid will be level funded for FY 1993, Lyons estimates that Wilmington's assessment will increase by 2.23 percent to \$1,166,216. Tewksbury's assessment will increase by 8.88 percent to \$1,883,888 for 1993. Lyons added, as state aid increases, assessment figures decrease and vice versa.

During discussion it was noted that approximately three million dollars is in the Tech budget for various items that are not found in regular school budgets. Those items include snow removal, utilities, health insurance, retirement costs, and debt service. Lyons explained it normally costs more to run a vocational school because shop classes have to be smaller than regular academic classes for safety reasons and because of the higher percentage of special needs students.

Educational reform package under fire

by Arlene Surprenant
Members of the Shawsheen Tech School Committee went along with a request to send a letter to state officials and legislators from all five member towns spelling out their displeasure with several sections in the current educational reform packages before the state legislature.

Richard Griffin, one of Tewksbury's two representatives on the committee as well as a local school principal, urged his board to take strong action against the proposed reforms. He said the letter should explain that legislators, through their past actions, have hurt education so much that "they are in a very poor position" now to push for educational reform. He said it would be better if the legislature provided local school boards with enough money and resources to do the job themselves.

"I couldn't agree more strongly on this," said Supt/Director Charles Lyons.

Lyons found fault with two major

aspects of the proposals. He said, besides doing away with local control, there was not enough money being set aside to do the job right.

"This is not reform. This is taking away local control (and) it's simply not going to work," Lyons said. He added it was impossible to improve education and bring equality to school systems for the "paltry sum" of \$200 million now proposed by the governor.

Lyons also targeted the plan to change the tenure system saying it was only an "assumption" that tenured teachers are not talented. He criticized the proposed extension of the school year saying legislators ought to find enough money to first deal with the regular school year.

Griffin agreed with the latter saying he'd like to see "more productivity" in schools during the current school year. He also advocated a return to "old fashioned family values," but praised the early childhood component in the reform packages.

High school vacancy creates confusion

by Arlene Surprenant
A vacancy in the physical education department at Wilmington High School, and a move by Supt. William Fay to fill that position with a substitute teacher generated some debate as well as confusion on the part of the school committee last Wednesday night.

The vacancy was left by James Krupa, who was originally laid off last summer. While other teachers returned to their jobs as a result of agreement over a new teachers' contract, Krupa did not. Fay brought the vacancy to the committee's attention a few months ago, but committeemen chose to go against Fay's recommendation to hire another teacher to fill the position because of fiscal constraints. Fay said his only other choice would be to fill the position with either administrative staff or a permanent sub. Fay said he needed to fill the position primarily to resolve a grievance over preparation time for elementary teachers and a "health matter."

Board members were unhappy with the prospect of paying an administrator to cover classes. It

seemed to be a consensus that a \$50 a day sub would be a better way to resolve the problem.

Peg Kane said last week the whole issue needed clarification. She maintained the board should vote on filling the position to make it legal. Kane added, committee members left Fay "out on a limb" by not taking a vote before.

Dr. Shirley Callan also questioned the legality of Fay's action though she said she had "no problem" with what he did. She said it was her understanding you can only use a sub for a position that's already filled. Dr. Callan also asked if Fay's action was legal according to the teachers' contract.

Fay defended his action saying he was only resolving a grievance, something he was authorized to do. He added his action was legal and has been done in other school districts.

Chairman Aldo Caira backed the superintendent.

"I can't see leaving 40 or 50 children in limbo. Something had to be done," he said, adding "I'm surprised we're even talking about this." Caira said Fay's solution was the least costly to the system.

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Lesson on blindness

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Hazy view

Students were told that Judy LeBlanc's vision was like looking through a piece of wax paper with just one eye.

letter to the editor

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Thank you for letting me share in those efforts.

Eileen F. Chabot
(former) Conservation
Administrator

Butler appointed to housing authority

by Arlene Surprenant

After two unsuccessful tries at a seat on the Wilmington Housing Authority, Deming Way tenant Dot Butler was unanimously voted in Monday as a replacement for former member Michael Donovan. Butler will fill the vacancy until the term expires in April.

At Monday's board of selectmen's meeting, both selectmen and authority members wasted no time in approving Butler's application for the position. Butler has served as a member of the Deming Way Tenant's Association and been an

active voice at housing authority meetings. She made an unsuccessful bid for office in the last election and was turned down in a joint meeting of selectmen and WHA members for a vacancy left by former chairman Dave Fitzgerald.

Butler wrote in her letter to WHA Chairman Tom Siracusa that she had "a strong desire to serve" on the board and she was well-qualified to hold the position. After the roll call vote Monday, Butler thanked officials for their vote of confidence and assured them she would do a good job.

Veterans' clubs to be licensed?

by Arlene Surprenant

A letter is being sent to all veterans' organizations in Wilmington regarding the town's current policy on liquor licenses. At present, the V.F.W., the Marine Corps League, and the American Legion Post are not required to obtain a license for the consumption of alcohol on their premises.

According to a January 13 letter from Police Chief Bobby Stewart,

he had received several inquiries from the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission and the Middlesex County District Attorney's office concerning the fact that local veterans' organizations are not being "properly licensed" in accordance with Massachusetts General Law.

Stewart said the current situation presents a number of problems for the police department, which cannot address problems at the clubs in an administrative manner. He added, since the organizations don't fall under rules and regulations and restrictions placed on other licensed establishments, the police have no recourse but to close the clubs and seize all alcoholic beverages should a problem arise. Stewart said this was not desirable from the point of view of the police department, the community, or the organizations themselves.

Town Manager Michael Caira told selectmen on Monday the police chief was willing to sit down and discuss the issue with town officials and representatives from the veterans' groups before selectmen take any action. Bob Doucette suggested his board send out a letter to each club informing them of the police chief's concern and the pending action by his board, which is the licensing authority for the town. Selectmen agreed to this course of action.

Sewer advisory board formed

by Arlene Surprenant

A cross section of Wilmington residents and officials have been appointed by Town Manager Michael Caira to serve on a newly-formed Sewer Financing Advisory Board. The board will explore various ways to fund town sewer projects other than charging betterments to homeowners. Board members will then bring the most viable option or options to the next town meeting as charged by voters at the December special town meeting.

Caira told selectmen at their meeting Monday night he tried to get a cross section of people with experience in finances and engineering and an understanding of how the town operates to serve on the board. Those appointed to the

new board are George Allan, Noel Baratta, George Boylen Jr., Anthony Krzeminski, Michael Morris, Joan O'Rourke, Paul Palizzolo, Paul Radochia, Arthur Spear, and Ann Yurek.

Voters agreed to a committee of up to 12 residents to serve on the board. Selectmen said they would accept letters of interest from one or two other residents to fill the remaining slots on the advisory board. Selectmen said, even though sewer rates will increase in the next few years because of the clean-up of Boston Harbor, it was important to get a "proper" funding mechanism in place before deciding whether to go ahead with a new sewer trunk line in town. Caira noted any change in the betterment law will have to go through the legislature.

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Opinion.....

frankly speaking

by Kevin John Sowyrda

After viewing Channel 52 Wednesday night I think Karen Kirk should re-evaluate her decision to call it the Education Channel. The discussion of Bill Fay's annual job review was local cable's answer to Wrestle Mania on Pay-Per-View. The "deliberations" made the Clarence Thomas - Anita Hill hearings in the Senate credible by comparison, with the shrapnel of the twilight battle hurling explosive charges of sexism, incompetence and intentional disregard for the law.

Speaking of disregard for the law, was that Andrea Paglia who was detained by local constabularies when she was driving with an expired driver's license? And, is having a valid driver's license a requirement for being on the school committee?

For that matter, is having common sense?

Let's start with some of the more bizarre statements, which should pretty much take us to the bottom of this space.

Peggy Kane was careful to note that she would side-step the Bill Fay attire issue which, as she reminded us, made headlines last year. The real reason for this is Bill subscribed to G.Q. just as I suggested and cut-up his Sears card opting instead for Filene's and Jordan Marsh.

Shirley Callan's diatribe on Fay read similarly to a certain divorce filing I have examined at Middlesex Probate Court (we'll save the details for a near-future piece). The executioner demanded the superintendent's head, a move which was quickly seconded by Moe and Curley, nyuck, nyuck, nyuck.

Their strategy hardly wins awards for originality or surprise, and the distaff members of the Wilmington School Committee might encourage Town Manager Mike Caira to call Boston Mayor Ray Flynn to discuss how one surgically removes a cancer from the political process.

The fourth distaff 'member' of the committee, Anne Linehan, introduced the charges of "sexism." Sexist?? Let's talk sexist. If they told you to go home where you belong, not to worry your pretty, little head about it, cook dinner for Jeff and run his bath etc., etc., yeah, O.K., I suppose that would have been a tad bit... sexist. But defending oneself against the Callan, Kane and Paglia flow of political sewage, that's not sexist — that's a good plea of self-defense, your Honor. I just think you're anti-men, Anne.

Higher up on the school committee evolutionary chain is John DeMarco. He was the real leader of the evening. If DeMarco's to be held accountable this April for supporting the teachers' contract, he also merits accolades for school committee statesmanship, in rather short supply these days. DeMarco, to paraphrase the famous quote, kept his cool while all around were losing theirs. He did what others should have done, which was to cite the many strengths of Supt. Fay while reasonably articulating those areas needing professional development.

Kudos also to Attorney Bob Peterson, who made the most concise evaluation of the process. Peterson insightfully noted that until the make-up of the school committee changes these evaluations aren't worth a hill of beans.

Guilty Until Proven Innocent

Gerald Colton, the Tewksbury firefighter under charges relating to a bomb incident, was relieved from duty without pay this week by Town Manager David Cressman. Forget the tenet of innocent until proven guilty, Colton is now without a pay check amidst accusations which apparently don't need to be proven in court to cost him his career and livelihood.

Can we ask the people of Tewksbury and their leaders a few fundamental questions this week? Regardless of what you think and the gossip of coffee hang-outs, is this what we call good public policy or good judicial prudence? I don't know Gerald Colton, wouldn't recognize him if he fell through the Town Crier roof, and for all I know he might be quite guilty of the heinous crime a grand jury presently accuses him of committing. Then again, he could well be one-hundred percent innocent, and if I remember my Intro. to Constitutional Law, I have an obligation as a citizen, peer and prospective juror to consider only that.

So why the suspension without pay? Is this policy a vestige of Puritan days gone by, painfully reminiscent of the Massachusetts Bay Colony where finger-pointing sufficed for judge and jury, and instant conviction was completed with a scarlet letter?

Famous novels and plays have portrayed victims of circumstance and accusation, even historical figures who were framed and character assassinated by the volatile nature of charges levied. Colton isn't famous, only infamous because of big, media headlines. Now he is financially devastated because an indictment apparently equals conviction if you are a town employee in Tewksbury.

Briefly in Politics...

The latest proposal from selectman candidate Tom Siracusa is to revive an idea first articulated by Selectman Bob Doucette a year ago, to initiate a new call-in format for the televised selectmen meetings. Similar to a process in place in Stoneham, cable viewers would be able to telephone concerns and questions to the direct attention of board members once monthly, live on Cable Channel 56. "This format will give residents immediate access to their selectmen and provide the board with direct feed-back from taxpayers," said Siracusa.

Also in the hunt in this year's race are incumbent Selectman Chet Bruce, up for his first re-election bid, challenger Tony Capuano, who finished a strong second in 1990, Elmer a/k/a "Sonny" a/k/a "Fudgy" Parker, Conservation Commissioner Margaret Imbimbo and a total unknown named Haru. If it's the single Haru the 411 operator says she has listed, his number "is unpublished."

Conservation Commission Chairman Dennis Poltrino is publicly supporting Mike Caira's plan to consolidate the positions of conservation administrator and planning director. This follows the resignation of conservation chief Eileen Chabot. Caira visions a new, united Department of Planning and Conservation, headed by Planning Director Lynne Duncan. Selectmen have expressed their strong support for Caira's plan, which will save Chabot's salary but cost money for the hiring of a temporary consultant with expertise in conservation issues. Nonetheless, the consolidation plan represents a net savings of some \$12,000, coming just as town workers are hit again with lay-offs. "The consolidation plan is a creative solution which will hopefully prevent any additional town workers from being laid off, and is consistent with the goal of making town government more efficient," said Selectman Mark Haldane.

Wilmington Town Manager Mike Caira's budget, unveiled Monday night, has four talking points — consolidation, attrition, layoffs and hourly reductions. The manager attributes the sharpness of his budget knife to a "sluggish economy" which has taken a bite out of local receipts (motor vehicle excise tax, etc.) and a pending reduction in the gas tax revenues Wilmington will receive next fiscal year in state aid, costing the town \$110,000. Caira's budget hardly leaves the school department harmless. The Roman House will shake at a proposed \$281,000 cut, scheduled just as school budget officials need \$500,000 to fund teacher raises July 1.

March 10 is primary day in Massachusetts, and as such candidates for both Democratic and Republican State Committees are gearing up. In Tewksbury, David O'Brien, a former legislative aide to Senator Pat McGovern and member of the town committee, is running an aggressive campaign for Democratic State Committeeman. In Wilmington's senatorial district, Dale Jenkins, a candidate for Republican State Committeeman, will hold his kick-off party on February 6th at Angelica's in Middleton. Jenkins' hosts are Governor Bill Weld and Lt. Governor Paul Cellucci.

Jenkins is running for an open seat and is the Assistant Secretary for Public Safety in the Weld Administration. Wilmington's long-time Republican State Committeeman Edgar Kelley is retiring. Also in the running is Howard Blatchford.



Dear Larz:
Many thanks to Representative Jim Miceli for standing up for student rights and for his continued leadership on environmental issues.

Incredibly, a bill that fundamentally undercuts public college students' rights to establish and fund advocacy groups on their campuses was passed in less than three weeks by the legislature. The group most affected by this law is MASSPIRG.

In this age of global warming, environmental degradation, and overflowing landfills, the last thing we need is for government to undercut an organization that, on a shoestring budget, advocates aggressively to protect the environment.

Despite tremendous political pressure from his colleagues, Representative Miceli voted consistently for the environment, for MASSPIRG, and most importantly for the people of Wilmington.

Let's hope that the new year will bring better news for MASSPIRG and the environment.

Joan Sadowski
Wilton Drive, Wilmington

editorials

When trains block the road

by Larz F. Neilson

What has the right of way at a railroad crossing, a train or a police cruiser? A train or an ambulance?

An incident in North Wilmington last Thursday begs that question. At 8:55 p.m., two police cruisers responding to an accident on Park Street were blocked by a train which stopped to discharge a passenger.

The trains on the MBTA Haverhill line have been serving North Wilmington since commuter rail traffic resumed on that line 11 years ago. Because there is no passenger platform at North Wilmington, the trains stop with a passenger entrance at the street crossing. The grade level of the pavement gives passengers an easier step than if they were to board or exit the train with no platform at all.

This arrangement does not really suit the passengers well, since there is still a very high step onto the train. And it doesn't even address the question of accessibility for handicapped persons.

More seriously, this procedure causes unnecessary traffic problems on Middlesex Avenue, Route 62. A two minute train stop can back up traffic for at least a quarter mile in rush hour.

But the real problem comes when the train blocks an emergency vehicle. Two minutes could be the difference between life and death for a heart attack victim. It could be the difference between a life saved or a tragic death in a fire.

Wilmington has only one fire station and one police station. Both are near the center, some two miles from the crossing. On the other side of the tracks, are hundreds of homes, plus the Regional Health Center.

Twelve times a day, six in the morning, six at night, Route 62 is blocked by a train.

In the 11 years since the train service resumed, there have been discussions held, surveys made and plans shown for a passenger platform in North Wilmington. At one point, there was talk of the MBTA taking several properties in North Wilmington for parking lots.

But for all those grandiose schemes, nothing was ever done. The problem could be remedied or at least mitigated by a simple platform, but even that has never been built.

And for this, Wilmington subsidizes the MBTA to the tune of some \$400,000 a year, a mandated assessment.

An MBTA spokesman said that no platform is planned, although the MBTA is planning to add a second set of tracks on the line. This could occur next year, if funding is available.

He also said that under DPU regulations, trains are allowed to block a road for up to five minutes.

Thursday night's incident was not unlike the many incidents that have occurred through the years. A train was approaching North Wilmington at the same time as the emergency vehicles. The engineer was able to stop the train before blocking the intersection, allowing the ambulance, rescue truck and a fire

engine to cross. But then, the engineer moved the train forward a hundred feet or so, as two cruisers approached the tracks with lights flashing and sirens screaming. The officer in the first cruiser said that the engineer looked right at him, but that did not prevent him from blocking the road with the train. The train stopped, one passenger exited, and the train started up again.

The accident to which the cruisers were responding involved personal injury. Evidently the engineer made some kind of a judgement call, but what criteria were used is unknown. Not knowing the nature of an emergency call, how do you decide to let the ambulance, rescue and fire engine through, but not the police cruisers?

Why is this left to a judgement call for the engineer? Shouldn't there be some kind of regulation giving the right of way to emergency vehicles? Why is the MBTA allowed to use Middlesex Avenue as a boarding platform?

So far, to the knowledge of this writer, nobody has died as a result of emergency vehicles being delayed in North Wilmington. But the situation certainly risks the life of anyone who happens to be on the wrong side of the tracks at the wrong time.

It is time for the officials responsible for this problem to take the action necessary to remedy it.

Westdale residents facing water problems

by Capt. Larz Neilson

Eileen Chabot, former conservation administrator of Wilmington, now in New Hampshire had, before she left, a few parting words about the proposed nursing home, off West Street and near Lowell Street. Contractors have now started work there for a 142-bed nursing home. Neighbors on Westdale Avenue are very much upset about the construction. They fear that their homes will be flooded, as a result, homes at the east end of Westdale Avenue.

The Wilmington Board of Appeals approved the site several years ago. Subsequently it was approved by the Wilmington Conservation Commission.

Neighbors appealed to the State Department of Environmental Protection. That department upheld the commission's approval, together with a superseding Order of Conditions (March, 1989).

Chabot told this paper last week that she is trying to get the DEP to oversee the project, now that it has control. The groundwater, she says, appears to be higher than it was in 1985, when plans for four detention ponds were designed. Some of those ponds are near the neighboring homes.

Chabot says she doubts the capacity of the ponds. She is also concerned about plans for a big septic system for the nursing home, which is to be under the parking lot.

Chabot is not alone. The neighbors also are much disturbed.

The lower end of Westdale Avenue, and part of the site for the nursing home, it seems was formerly part of a Colonial mill pond. Several homes in that area seem to be in the former mill pond site.

Today one can describe the area as a meadow. Water powered mills are a thing of the past. This writer, years ago wrote of the water powered mills of Wilmington, where they were, and what they did. Some owners were named.

Today's Kilmarnock Street was then Grove Street. The Hartshorn Mill ruins still existed, built in the days of the Revolution or earlier. Today the site is covered by a fine new home. About 20 feet of fill are in place over that mill site.

That mill was powered by water from a brook which rises in Reading and was known as Repah Brook (if the spelling is correct). It flows through the Reading Golf Club land, and there was a mill in that area, too.

Over the past half century things have happened to that meadow — not alarming things, maybe.

When Jimmy White was superintendent of streets in Wilmington, the town, or the state arranged to drain land southerly of Lowell Street and westerly of West Street into that meadow. The drains are still there, under Lowell Street.

Later a local resident drained land he owned, west of West Street into that meadow. No one objected, and his land west of West Street was improved.

The result was a wet meadow. A "diagonal" drain went across, almost down to the railroad, clearly visible to passers by. It seems it had been dug by Jimmy, but this writer really has no knowledge on that point.

On January 24 this writer drove by the nursing home site on West Street. The soil had been "leveled." Standing water was visible, in several areas, only a couple of inches lower than the ground level.

The neighbors, it seems, have a right to fear the prospects of water on their property.

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One man, one vote issue tabled

by Arlene Surprenant

The one man, one vote issue, discussed at length by a sub-committee of Shawsheen Tech School committee members and selectmen from the Tech's five member towns, was tabled Tuesday night when school board members failed to give unanimous support to the recommended option. That option was to have school committee members appointed rather than elected to the board, to comply with the one man, one vote principle in the United States Constitution.

The committee voted four to three, with one man voting 'present,' to go along with the appointed option. As expected, members from Wilmington, Burlington, and Bedford, who would have the most to lose under a weighted vote option, voted in favor of the appointment plan while those from Tewksbury and Billerica rejected the sub-committee's recommendation. Two members were not in attendance at the meeting.

Supt/Director Charles Lyons suggested tabling any action to bring the plan to the five town meetings for approval until a full board was present. The suggestion was prompted by advice from the board's attorney not to go through the expense of putting the change on warrants unless the school

board is unanimously in favor of the change.

The most outspoken member against the appointed method was Tewksbury representative Richard Griffin. Griffin said he was "vehemently opposed" to the subcommittee's recommendation. He urged his board to turn a deaf ear to the sub-committee's advice and decide among themselves on the best course of action.

"I think the people put us here and we damn well should stay here," he said in support of a weighted vote based on the 1990 census.

Chairman Ken Buffum and John Miller pointed to another option: to have an election at large with a residency requirement so candidates can be on the ballot in all five member towns. Griffin called that option "unmanageable."

Lyons told this paper over 33 school districts or 45 percent of the districts in the state do not now comply with the federal law. He said, if the committee fails to initiate a change, it can come from a request by more than 10 percent of registered voters in a town. While Buffum pointed out members are acting in the best interest of the school and its students as well as their own towns, Miller noted the present makeup of the board has worked well for the past few years.

environmental notes

Enviro Economics

by George R. Allan

The President buying sweat socks in a department store won't do it. The President giving each taxpayer a \$300 tax cut won't do it. The President begging for concessions from Japan won't do it.

What we need to get our economy going is a massive infusion of federal dollars into public works projects.

Now, I don't claim to be an expert in economics but does anyone believe that the Washington economists have a better understanding of what ails our economy than we do? There are experts who espouse trickle down economics; others favor supply side economics; and some advocate one of my favorite theories - voodoo economics.

The idea of putting federal dollars into public works improvements to jump start the economy is not new. In the middle of the Great Depression of the 1930s, FDR initiated programs to get people off welfare and back to work. His commitment of nearly five billion dollars represented the largest single appropriation in the country's history. Among the programs were the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and the Civilian Conservation Commission (CCC). In these programs, people were put to work on public works projects. Libraries, prisons, bridges, hospitals and playgrounds were constructed. Some of the better known projects are Boulder Dam, the Washington Mall and Quabbin Reservoir.

Here in the 1990s, there is much work to be done on our infrastructure. Twenty-five years ago our investment in public works was over two percent of the Gross National Product (GNP). Today, it is less than half percent of the GNP.

An example of our crumbling infrastructure is our highway system. Bridges built during the 1950s and 1960s are approaching the end of their life cycle and are in need of repairs. A recent survey indicated that 20 percent of our bridges are structurally deficient. If you don't think so, take a look at some of the bridge abutments when you drive along Route 495 or Route 128.

The recently signed Transportation Bill will funnel 150 billion dollars into roads, bridges and mass transit construction over the next six years. Massachusetts will receive 5.5 billion dollars, half of which will go to the Central Artery project. This Bill could be described as an "excuse me" anti-recession measure, since it has been in the works for several years and was not a reaction to the current economic situation.

Federal assistance is also needed to help cities and towns comply with existing and proposed environmental regulations. It is becoming

more common for the federal government to mandate stringent goals for air and water quality without providing the funds to help implement the objective. A case in point is the Clean Water Act where local grants have been phased out. Since 1972 this program provided 75 percent of the cost for constructing sewers and sewage treatment plants. As a result of this phase out, the federal government is only contributing five percent of the cost of the Boston Harbor cleanup. This is the major reason for the exorbitant MWRA assessment to communities like Wilmington. The demise of this grant program also increases the homeowners' cost for sewer extensions.

Investigating in public works will also generate an increase in private investment because the construction industry has a ripple effect through the economy. A recent study in New York indicated that each construction job produces 2.2 jobs in related industries. Public works facilities will also improve our quality of life.

Unfortunately, the current administration is more worried about helping the former Soviet Union countries than our own cities and towns. We need less foreign aid and more local aid.



John Johnston

Johnston graduates

John Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Johnston of Dorchester Street, Wilmington has graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y.

John, a 1989 graduate of Wilmington High School is employed at the Vista International Hotel in Waltham.

25 years ago

The January 26, 1967 edition of the Town Crier of Wilmington noted that:

Builder Third Class Allen R. Park, of the Seabees was presented the Navy Commendation for Achievement Ribbon in ceremonies held at Port Hueneme, Calif. He was awarded the ribbon for outstanding performance while serving in Danang, Vietnam.

James Banda resigned from the planning board effective December 31 and William Stickney of Linda Road had been appointed to fill the unexpired term.

The signing of a contract by the School Committee, by Arthur Brewster, chairman and Wilmington Teachers Association President Dolores Silva, raised the minimum

salary for Wilmington school teachers to \$5500 a year.

According to Nosey Nancy, a new lodge for the Sons of Italy had been formed and was awaiting its charter. The founders included Frances Gray, Laura Cairra and Jerry Murray.

Lucci's Market offered Sliced bacon for 69 cents a pound; fresh spare ribs, 59 cents a pound and imported sliced boiled ham, \$1.29.

The WHS JV basketball team was pictured after having won eight and lost two of their games. The team included Paul Kritter, Bob Stewart, Jim Tildsley, Gerry Land, Bill Steber, Bob McAllister, Gary Hebsch, Eddie Thomas, Milt Cram, Danny Ballou, Len Gagnon and Doug Smith.

School board rejects grievances

by Arlene Surprenant

Members of the Wilmington School Committee voted six to one last week to reject four grievances brought before the board by the teachers' union. Only Phil Fenton, who warned his board not listening to the grievances could be considered an unfair labor practice, refrained from dismissing the matter outright.

According to WTA secretary Beverly Shea, the grievances centered on large class sizes, the librarians' workload, teacher planning time, and a retirement date issue.

Supt. William Fay recommended rejecting the grievances though he added the retirement issue should be discussed, Committee Chairman

Aldo Cairra questioned why the grievances hadn't been withdrawn as was promised once his board approved the new teachers' contract.

Most of the discussion Wednesday night focused on whether to discuss the issue in open or closed session. Union leaders cited past precedent for meeting in executive session and refused to participate in open session. All but one committee member insisted it was legal to hear the grievances at an open meeting. Peg Kane and Fenton urged fellow members to hear the grievances before turning them down. Their pleas fell on deaf ears. Shea told the Town Crier the union's next step will be to take the issues to arbitration.



Clone poles

A resident of Buckingham Terrace, a new street off Aldrich Road, complained to the Wilmington Board of Selectmen about there being too many phone poles on the street. It seems that somehow, there have been three sets of poles installed. One is too old, another too short and the third is in the wrong location. Telephone and electric service have been installed, but until the matter is resolved, Continental Cablevision will not hang its wires.

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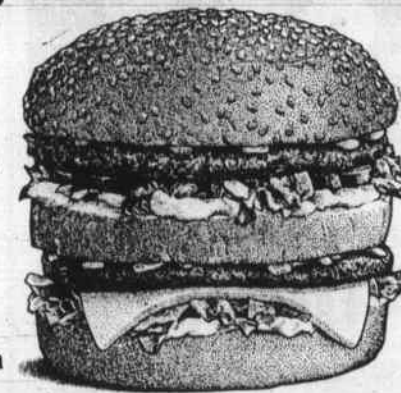


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churches

Congregational Church in Tewksbury

East and Main Streets, the Rev. Paul Millin, 851-9411.
Sat., Feb. 1: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., thrift shop; chicken supper at 6 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m., worship, communion, church school for three-year-olds through grade 12, nursery care provided, fellowship time following worship; 11:15 Cherub and Junior Choirs; 6 p.m., Junior Youth Fellowship; 7 p.m., Church Life Orientation; 7:30 p.m., Senior Youth Fellowship.
Monday: 7:30 p.m., Carillon ringers.
Tuesday: 9 a.m., Friendship Circle.
Wednesday: 1 to 4 and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thrift shop.
Thursday: 7:30 p.m., Senior Choir.
Sat., Feb. 8: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., thrift shop.

Congregational Church in Wilmington

220 Middlesex Ave., 658-2264; parsonage, 658-0473. Food pantry available, contact the church office.
Thurs., Jan. 30: 6:15 a.m., morning prayer; 10 a.m., Women's Bible study; (Child care provided) 6:15 p.m., Handbell choir; 8 p.m., Senior Choir, N.A.
Sat., Feb. 1: 8:15 a.m., Bush League.
Sun., Feb. 2: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School for all ages; 9:45 a.m. Senior Choir rehearsal; 10:30 a.m., worship service followed by coffee hour; 5 p.m., Youth group; 7 p.m., "K" group.
Mon., Feb. 3: 6:30 p.m., Cub Scout Den #6; 7 p.m., Cub Scout Committee, Boy Scout Committee, 7:30 p.m., Women's Prayer and Praise.
Tues., Feb. 4: 4 p.m., Junior Choir (ages four and up); 7 p.m., Boy Scouts; 7:30 Diaconate meeting.
Wed., Feb. 5: 7 p.m., Cub Scout Den #3.

First Baptist Church in Wilmington

Wed., Jan. 28: 10 a.m., Women's study; 7 p.m., Bible study and prayer service.
Thurs., Jan. 30: 7 p.m., Choir rehearsal; 7:30 p.m., Battalion for boys in grades seven through 12.
Fri., Jan. 31: 6:30 p.m., Pioneer Club for girls in grades one through seven, Stockades for boys in grades three through six.
Sat., Feb. 1: 1 p.m., Al-Anon.
Sun., Feb. 2: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School for all ages, adult elective "The Pursuit of Holiness" and "A Study of the book of Genesis," nursery care provided; 10:45 a.m., Worship service, Junior Church for age four through seven, nursery care.
Wed., Feb. 5: 10 a.m., Women's study; 7 p.m., Bible study and prayer service.

Wilmington United Methodist Church

The Rev. Michael Stotts, pastor, 658-8217; Bill Barclay, pastor's assistant, 657-5224; church office, 658-4519.
Fri., Jan. 31: 7 to 8:30 p.m., adult membership class at Wil. United Methodist Church.
Sat., Feb. 1: 6 p.m., Ham and bean supper in Fellowship Hall.
Sun., Feb. 2: 8:15 a.m., informal communion service; 9:15 a.m., Sunday School for all ages; 10:30 a.m., family worship service, infant preschool care; 11 a.m., Children's activity time for grades one through six; noon, children's choir rehearsal; 4:30 p.m., Junior High Youth Group; 6 p.m., Senior High Youth Group; 8:30 p.m., Al-Anon.
Mon., Feb. 3: 5:30 p.m., Cub Scout Pack meeting; 7:30 p.m., Bible study.
Tues., Feb. 4: 7 a.m., service of morning prayer; 6:30 p.m., Crossroads Cluster meeting at Old South United Methodist Church, Reading; 7:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal; 8:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous.
Wed., Feb. 5: 10 a.m., Bible study; noon, Alcoholics Anonymous; 6:30 p.m., Potluck dinner by Women's Executive Board in Fellowship Hall.
Thurs., Feb. 6: 7 a.m., service of morning prayer; 3 to 4 p.m., Confirmations; 3:30 p.m., Brownie Troop; 7 p.m., Trustees meeting, Girl Scout Troop, teachers' meeting.

Church of St. William

Conducted by the Oblate Fathers, 1268 Main St., Tewks; rectory, 851-7331; Religious Education Center, 851-3471.
Mass schedule: Saturdays at 4 and 7 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30, 9 (up), 9 (dn. family), 10:30 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.; weekdays 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.; holy days except Christmas and Jan. 1, on the even of the holy day at 4 and 7; on the holy day at 7 and 9 a.m. 5:15 and 7:30 p.m.; First Friday at 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Confessions will be heard Saturdays and eve of holy days from 3 to 3:45 p.m.; anytime at the rectory and on the First Friday before each mass.

menus

Tewksbury Schools Junior and Senior High Week of February 3

Monday: Assorted subs, shaved steak, cold cuts or meatballs in sauce, vegetable of the day, spice cake and milk.
Tuesday: Half day, lunches served at elementary.
Wednesday: Juice or cup of soup, "Lean Magic" hamburger club with lettuce and tomato on a roll, vegetables or coleslaw, fruited Jello and milk.
Thursday: Rotini or spaghetti with meatballs in sauce, garden salad, hot roll, ice cream and milk.
Friday: Juice cup, French bread pizza, crispy tossed salad, pudding with topping and milk.
Alternate lunch is available in all schools daily.

Elementary
Monday: Assorted subs, shaved steak, cold cuts or meatballs in sauce, vegetable of the day, spice cake, milk.
Tuesday: Half day, juice cup, French bread stix with syrup, ham or sausage, dessert and milk.
Wednesday: Juice Cup or soup, "Lean Magic" hamburger club with lettuce and tomato on a roll, vegetables or coleslaw, fruited jello and milk.
Thursday: Rotini or spaghetti with meatballs in sauce, garden salad, hot roll, ice cream and milk.
Friday: Juice cup, French bread pizza, crispy tossed salad, pudding with topping and milk.
Alternate lunch is available in all schools daily.

Wilmington schools Week of February 3 Elementary and middle

Monday: Hamburger or cheeseburger on a roll, French fries, pickle chips, chilled fruit, cookies, milk/juice.
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets with barbecue, sweet 'n sour sauce or honey, French fries or potato rounds, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, vanilla snack cake, milk/juice.
Wednesday: Lucky plate day, breakfast for lunch, Egg MacMuffin (egg omelette, cheese on an English muffin), seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, dessert, milk/juice.
Thursday: Meatball sub, seasoned mixed vegetables, potato chips, chilled fruit, toll house squares, milk/juice.
Friday: Italian style pizza, pepperoni optional, tossed garden salad, chilled fruit, ice cream, milk/juice.
Alternate lunch is available in all schools daily.

High School Week of February 3

Monday: Barbecued rib on a roll with lettuce and tomato, French fries, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, brownie, milk/juice.
Tuesday: Oven baked sausage, whipped potato, seasoned vegetable, cornbread and butter, chilled applesauce, cookies, milk/juice.
Wednesday: Assorted sandwiches, cup of soup, potato chips, dessert, milk/juice.
Thursday: Meatball sub, seasoned mixed vegetables, potato chips, chilled fruit, toll house square, milk/juice.
Friday: Italian style pizza, tossed garden salad, chilled fruit, ice cream, milk/juice.
Alternate lunch is available in all schools daily.

Shawsheen Tech Week of February 3

Line I
Mon-Fri., choice of two items, chilled fruit, juice, vegetable or fresh fruit. Above served with French bread pizza (cheese or pepperoni) and milk.
Line II
Mon-Fri., choice of two items, chilled fruit, juice, vegetable or fresh fruit.
Mon., Veal cutlet parmesan sandwich or tuna salad sandwich.
Tues., cheeseburger on a roll, or tuna salad sandwich.
Wed., Meatball sub sandwich or tuna salad sandwich.
Thurs., Baconburger with lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise or tuna salad sandwich.
Fri., Sliced cold cut submarine with chopped pickles, tomato or tuna salad sandwich.
Above served with milk.
Line III
Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread, fresh fruit and milk.
Tuesday: Oven baked pork sausage links with brown gravy, mashed potato, vegetable, hot corn bread, fresh fruit and milk.
Wednesday: Sliced hot turkey sandwich with brown gravy, mashed potato, vegetable, fresh fruit, baked dessert and milk.
Thursday: Barbecued chicken, rice pilaf, vegetable, hot buttered roll, fresh fruit and milk.
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obituaries

Mary H. Ryan

Mary H. (King) Ryan, 79, of Somerville, died January 28, 1992 at the Somerville Hospital.
 Mrs. Ryan was born in Newfoundland, Canada, the daughter of the late Luke and Bridget M. (Forristall) Luke. She lived in Everett during her youth and spent most of her life in Somerville. Prior to retirement she was employed by Stop & Shop as a bakery worker.
 Mrs. Ryan is survived by her sons Allan R. of Washington State and Donald W. of Holyoke; her sister Sarah G. Rogers of Wilmington; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.
 Her funeral was held from the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home Friday morning at 9 followed by a funeral mass at St. Thomas Church at 10. Interment took place in the family lot, Wildwood Cemetery.
 Memorials in her name may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, Mass. Chapter, 29 Crafts St., Newtonville, MA 02160.

Edna V. O'Neil

Mrs. Edna V. (Wollow) O'Neil, 81, died at her Tewksbury residence Friday, Jan. 24 after a long illness. She was the wife of Harold T. O'Neil.
 She was born in Brockton, the daughter of the late Charles and Mary Wollow, and lived in Brockton throughout her life. She moved to Tewksbury six months ago.
 She was a professional concert violinist and in earlier years led the Edna Wollow Symphonians in Brockton. She was a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music.
 In addition to her husband she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Lowell (Darlene) Perry of Safety Harbor, Fla., Dolores Hannon of Worcester, and Beverly Pelletier of Tewksbury, with whom she made her home; one brother, Henry Wollow of Middleboro; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.
 She was the sister of the late May Leland.
 A funeral mass was celebrated Monday, Jan. 27 in St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Andover. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery.
 Memorials may be made to the Lowell V.N.A. Hospice Program, P.O. Box 1965, Lowell MA 01853 will be appreciated. Arrangements were through the Tewksbury Funeral Home.

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bits & pieces

Birthdays

Mike Stanchi of Franklin Avenue, Wilmington, on whom "somebody snatched" observed his birthday January 28.

Danielle Gormley of Crescent Street, Wilmington turned another page January 29, as did Bobby Fisher of Morningside Drive.

Keith Dyer of West Street, Wilmington, will turn another page on January 30.

Joanne Fisher of Morningside Drive, Wilmington will be a year wiser on January 31.

Eric Murphy of County Road, Tewksbury will observe his birthday February 1, and will share greetings with Robert Higgins of Grasshopper Lane.

February 2 will mark the special day of Coral Stratos of High Street, Wilmington, Adam Fournier of Crescent Street, Jesse Anderson of West Street, Rene Carnabuci of Fairmont Avenue and Tewksbury resident Kim Truscillo of Foster Road.

Robert Wright of Church Street, Wilmington, June Reese of Oakdale Road, Liane Fogg of Houghton Road and Mark Poirier of Taylor Road, Tewksbury will share birthday greetings February 3.

Teri Hensley of Andover Street, Wilmington seems to have her February 4 birthday all to herself.

Gladys Sullivan of Dartmouth Avenue, Wilmington; Justin Hamilton of Euclid Road, Tewksbury and Douglas Fowler of Shawshen Street, will be a year wiser February 6.

Arthur Hayes, Linda Whitebone and Richard Murphy, all of Bond Street, Wilmington will blow out the candles February 7.

Michael Pacini II of McNeil Way, Tewksbury (formerly of Burlington) will blow out the candles for the seventh time on February 8 and for the first time at his new home.

To enter

To enter an item in Bits & Pieces, call the Town Crier at 658-2346 days and Tuesday nights or 658-2907 other nights and weekends. Ask for BeeDee.

Scholarship dance

St. Thomas Women's Club will sponsor its annual Scholarship Dance Saturday, March 7, 8 p.m. to midnight in Villanova Hall, 126 Middlesex Ave.

The last day to purchase tickets is March 4. Call Joan at 658-4665, Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Paige L. Heller

Paige L. Heller, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Heller of Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, has been named to the honor roll for the fall term just ended at Phillips Academy, Andover, where she is a ninth grader.

Wildflowers

Wildflower enthusiasts interested in growing and conserving native plants may obtain two recent New England Wildflower Society publications, "Sources of Propagated Native Plants and Wildflowers" and "Rare Plants: Today Endangered, Tomorrow Extinct?" Call (508) 877-7630 for more information.

Ronald Martiniello

Ronald Martiniello of Fay Street, Wilmington has been elected a member of the Top Tech Club of Honeywell's Commercial Buildings Group for 1991.

Membership in the Top Tech

Club recognizes the highest level of technical achievement. From a field of more than 1300 eligible technical specialists, only 37 were so honored this year.

Winners and their spouses will join Honeywell executives for recognition ceremonies in Palms Springs, Calif., later this year.

Depression workshop

Meets weekly to help those who suffer from depression, their friends, and relatives. The Workshop's classes teach coping skills, and offer support. Now meetings Tuesdays, 7 p.m., St. Paul's Methodist Church, 34 Hurd St., Lowell; Wednesdays, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Hospital, 172 Kinsley St., Nashua, N.H.; Thursdays, 7 p.m., at the First Parish Unitarian Church, Billerica Center. Call 858-0272 for information.

Joseph Linehan

Joseph Linehan, a senior in the NYS College of Ceramics at Alfred University, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester.

Linehan, an art and design major is a graduate of Wilmington High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Linehan of Wilmington.

International film festival

The third annual International Film Festival, sponsored by Middlesex Community College will begin Monday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. when "Fitzcarraldo" will be the featured film.

Call 1-800-643-5739.

Tops

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) weight control club has 305,000 members internationally. This year's winner is Gail Lewis of East Bridgewater, who lost 185 pounds and reigns as International Queen.

Locally, Chapter Ma 82 meets each Wednesday in the Old South United Methodist Church, Reading, downstairs through the Main Street door. Call Barbara DeVita at 658-2702.

Boy Scout Troop 56

Members Boy Scout Troop 56 would like to acknowledge those who helped make their Christmas tree sale a success:

Harvey Elfm, Chuck's Appliance, Valley Properties, Kiwanis Club and North Wilmington Shell.

The boys are also grateful to John Mainini, the scouts their parents and all who purchased trees and wreaths.

Mary Fisher

Mary Fisher, daughter of Robert and Joanne Fisher of Morningside Drive, Wilmington has been named to the dean's list at Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Conn.

A 1991 graduate of Wilmington High School, Mary is a freshman at Quinnipiac where she is majoring in veterinary technology.

William Harmen

William Harmen, whose parents are residents of Wilmington, has earned placement on the dean's list for the fall semester at the Berklee College of Music.

Upon graduation, William, who is majoring in song writing, will qualify as a multi-skilled professional able to respond to a variety of musical challenges.

Altron

Samuel Altschuler, president of Altron, of Jewel Drive, Wilmington has announced that the company achieved record bookings and a record backlog in the fourth quarter of 1991. Altron's new systems designed and manufacturing capability, in addition to its established multilayer board, backplane, and card cage capability resulted in the company being selected as the sole source on several major new programs.

Altschuler said that he expected the company to achieve increased sales and earnings in 1992.

are also welcome.

The OLN Parents' Guild will serve refreshments in the cafeteria throughout the evening and are available to answer questions. Call (617) 245-0749.

Meet the Midwives

Meet the Midwives at Malden Hospital, Mon., Feb. 10, 7 p.m. in the Malden Room, free discussion group in which midwives discuss their practice and answer questions on midwifery. Call (617) 397-6503.

Aim meets Tuesday

Wilmington's Aim group will meet Tuesday, Feb. 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in K of C Hall. Refreshments will be served and the feature of the day (around 11) will be a demonstration: "Painting by Shirley."

Our Lady of Nazareth

Our Lady of Nazareth Academy, 14 Winship Dr., Wakefield will hold an open house for prospective students Thursday, Jan. 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. This event provides junior high school students and their parents an opportunity to view the campus and meet members of the Nazareth community. Prospective transfer students

Dr. Kenneth Leavitt

Dr. Kenneth M. Leavitt of Wilmington will conduct a free lecture for the public on various aspects of foot surgery at New England Memorial Hospital, Stoneham, on Tuesday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m. Those who attend will receive a certificate for a free, personal consultation and foot examination in Dr. Leavitt's office at 11 Middlesex Avenue.

Refreshments will be served; reservations are required. Call Dr. Leavitt's office at 508-658-9774.

The Feb. 4 lecture will be repeated March 2 and April 7 at the same time and place.

Super Bowl winner

Paul Morrice of Middlesex Ave., Wilmington won dinner for two at the Bradford House at the Bradford Country Club with a close guess on the total points scored in the Super Bowl.

Singles dance

A singles dance will be held Saturday, Feb. 8 in K of C Hall, 206 Main St., Tewksbury.

The event, sponsored by the Reading Chapter of the Single Life will begin at 8 p.m. Call (617) 942-0165.

Wilmington school news

Woburn Street School

Winter Wonderland is the theme for Woburn Street School B-10 kindergartners. Their classroom is donned with snowpeople, snowflakes, snow pictures, sleds, skates, skis, and high hopes of more snow this winter. These snow lovers extend their warmest welcome to student teacher Mrs. Pam Demeo from Fitchburg State College.

Volleyball is the name of the game at the Woburn Street School. Under the instruction of physical education teacher Mrs. Hayes, grades three, four and five are learning to play volleyball, beginning with a beach ball, progressing to a plastic ball, and then graduating to a real volleyball. Students in K, one and two are learning to throw and catch underhand and overhand using beanbags, small rubber balls, playground balls, and tennis balls.

Woburn Street School students attended a blindness awareness program on Tuesday. Mrs. Judy LeBlanc, president of the Handicap Awareness Curriculum in Reading, along with her seeing eye dog visited with the students and touched upon the daily life of a blind person. Mrs. LeBlanc portrayed the use of her braille watch, how she determines the temperature setting on her oven and many other features surrounding the life of blind person. Audience participation was encouraged by Mrs. LeBlanc. The students response was overwhelming. The Woburn Street School extends its sincerest thanks Mrs. LeBlanc for your most informative presentation.

The next Pac meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 4, 9:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Barbara Boucher, the school librarian will be the guest speaker.



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Black Kat symbolized era of bars in Wilmington

by Capt. Larz Neilson
A post card has been received by this paper asking for a story about the Black Kat. So-o-o.

The Black Kat and other such institutions were the result of Prohibition, a social endeavor of the years between World War I and, say 1933-34. There are only a few persons today who can remember those days, when there was supposed to be no barrooms, etc., in the United States.

What is not realized by many today is that it was not against the law to make beer or wine - it was against the law to sell those beverages, and others too. There were provisions in the law which allowed families to make wine and beer, every year. The limit was what; one or two hundred gallons?

Larz's father used to make wine and beer every year, with the assistance of Italian friends in North Woburn. It was a case of mutual assistance. Peter Neilson had the truck, and the Italian men had the experience. Grapes would be purchased in Boston, and everyone would go to work, first at one home and then at another, making liquid refreshments.

Oh, yes, there were places in which sales were made, but rarely of beer or wine. Tewksbury, Wilmington, Woburn and other towns, all had places which sold alcoholic beverages. Some of the sales were in restaurants, and others were, well, "back door."

In Wilmington at any time during those years there would be half a dozen or more establishments, and if memory is correct, one man was killed, on Kelly's Hill, somewhere near the standpipe because of it, was said, a dispute between bootleggers.

On Main Street there were four or more restaurants which sold alcoholic beverages along with their meals. The Blue Terrace across from the present site of Rocco's. The Black Kat was later at the corner of Bridge Lane and Main Street, at the site of a filling station, today; and further down, south of the Town Park was a place known as Ann's Duck Farm. In the center was Phil's Cafe.

On one voyage, when Larz returned to Wilmington his uncle "Pop" (Christian), who owned the farm where the Town Hall is today, insisted on hosting a dinner at the Blue Terrace.

There was no liquor served. It was just a fine Sunday dinner, and Larz saw nothing wrong. "Pop" had a fine time.

As far as the other restaurants are concerned - Larz was never in them.

The Black Kat was the most notorious of several dozen drinking establishments, of which only half a dozen or so were in Wilmington.

Liquor sales got out of hand with the advent of prohibition.

The earliest memory of this writer is, when he was quite young, was when he rode in the back seat of his father's Model T touring car, on Swanton Street, in Winchester. Another person was driving. His father was down there to talk business with someone. The car proceeded slowly, while those on the front seat were searching for a street number.

In a distance of perhaps half a mile three or four men individually jumped on the running board, offering to guide the occupants to a place where liquor could be sold.

None were asked to do so.

The Black Kat was not in business before there were liquor licenses to be held. After the law was changed it was a place that rapidly grew in scope. By 1946 booze had gone too far in Wilmington. There was a reaction.

One occasion the writer recalls was in the late 1930s. The ship on which he was serving docked in Boston at about 12:30 a.m. on a Sunday. It was too late for a train to Wilmington. The writer walked out to Atlantic Avenue and hailed a taxicab.

The driver had never heard of Wilmington "Okay" he was told, "Drive me to the Black Kat" No further directions we needed. From the Black Kat to home was about half a mile.

Probably Dr. Ernest MacDougal was the first person to voice the new sentiment in town. MacDougal was not a blue nosed prohibitionist. He was the man who had to sew up the protagonists, in his office, after midnight on practically every day of the week. Sometimes there would be blood all over his office, including the ceiling. MacDougal was probably the first person to complain.

Another person was Dr. Gerald Fagan. He too was against midnight fights, and may have been more vehement than was MacDougal. Wilmington was, admittedly, in a mess.

There was one cop of whom a few words must be said, Frank Gammons. He was well known, well liked. He never arrested a person for just being drunk.

Frank had the midnight to 8 a.m. shift and after midnight he would be on the lookout for cars which were weaving from one side of the street to the other.

Frank would go in pursuit, and force the car off the road. If he knew the owner it would be a case of "Go to sleep, you g...d. drunk!" Then Frank would pull the keys to the car.

About 6 a.m. Frank would again drive around town and toss the keys to the sleeping drivers. "Wake Up, and Go to Work!"

A person really had to be doing something to be arrested by Frank. Harry Ainsworth was the Chief of Police. He was a gentleman, all the way.

Wilmington in those days did not have an ambulance, but in back of Billy Cavanaugh's Funeral Home was an old hearse. Harry wanted it. Billy gave it to Harry.

Harry put a bunch of milk bottles in the stores around town. People could drop in pennies, to help turn that hearse into an ambulance.

It worked, and Wilmington had its first ambulance.

Booze had gone too far in Wilmington. It had also gone too far in Woburn. Danny Gillis is one man who can tell of it.

There was a priest in Woburn, a "new boy on the block," at St. Charles Church. He started preaching against alcohol, and it was a message which grew in scope. A lot of persons joined the priest in an anti-drinking movement.

The then Mayor Kane of Woburn had been accused of being a "headline hunter." He saw an opportunity and he used it.

He would send the Paddy Wagon around, to round up the drunks and haul them away. The horses would

walk down the street every night with a load of drunks in back.

Mayor Kane was written up in practically every newspaper in the United States. This writer saw an account once in the Post-Intelligencer, in Seattle, Washington.

All of a sudden Woburn voted dry - just like Wilmington.

Just what Woburn did this writer cannot say, but in Wilmington several hundred persons joined in a movement. It seems to have been something like Topsy - it just grew.

One of those who took part was the Town Counsel, Philip Buzzell. Buzzell wrote up a law which would prohibit liquor being sold in restaurants, etc. Liquor could only be sold in liquor stores.

The law closed up the Black Kat and other places.

The Black Kat was sold to a man named (if memory is correct) Tunney. Tunney started a furniture store. It was a big one, for the Black Kat has been able to accommodate 300 persons at a time.

That furniture store burned down in 1956.

The story of a man who was a son of the owner of the Black Kat must be related.

Anthony "Tony" Del Torto had joined the U.S. Coast Guard as a young man. In World War II he was a Chief Boatswain's Mate, and was in the latter part of the war, in command of the Nantucket Lightship.

That vessel was located about 20 or 30 miles south of Nantucket Island, and was a guiding post for ships coming from Europe and bound to New York.

About that time this writer took command of a large troopship, one that could do 16 1/2 knots, and carry 1600 soldiers, or, as the word was, "troops." When World War II ended he started carrying German prisoners to England and France, and American soldiers back to New York.

Everyone was in a hurry to get the soldiers home. Many times that ship carried 1800 troops. Men were sleeping on cots on the decks. There was a trip about every 18 days to three weeks.

One of the complications for the

captain was that each voyage was an individual business transaction. That meant a complete payroll, at the time of arrival at the dock in New York. Without some forethought that could be complicated business, especially on the matter of overtime.

If the first line was sent ashore at 7:55 a.m. that meant that the men on the 8-12 watch would work an extra five minutes, and have to be paid two hours overtime. If the line did not go ashore until 8:05 there would be no overtime question, no extra bookkeeping.

So the ship always got to the pier at 8:05. All the payrolls had been completed and were ready to go ashore at that time. The purser, with the payrolls, would be the first to leave, and he would be at the New York office before 9 a.m. Thus, relatively, things were made quite simple.

Often, the night before, the captain could slow the ship down so that the 8:05 arrival would be at 8:05. No one other than the officers knew about this.

On one particular voyage the ship was at Nantucket lightship at 4 p.m. - the lightship that Tony DelTorto was commanding. There was a lot of time to spare.

Let those troops get a good look at the first thing from the United States that they were to see, on their homeward voyage! So the ship's wheel was ordered hard right, and the ship went around the Nantucket Light Vessel three times. The whistle was blown three times. Big Celebration!

If Chief Boatswain's Mate Tony Del Torto was on that ship at that time, he probably felt that the captain was crazy.

Chief Boatswain's Mate Tony Del Torto USCG later lived in Wilmington, after he had completed his duty with the Coast Guard. He tried his hand at a little real estate speculation, up off Burlington Avenue in Wilmington.

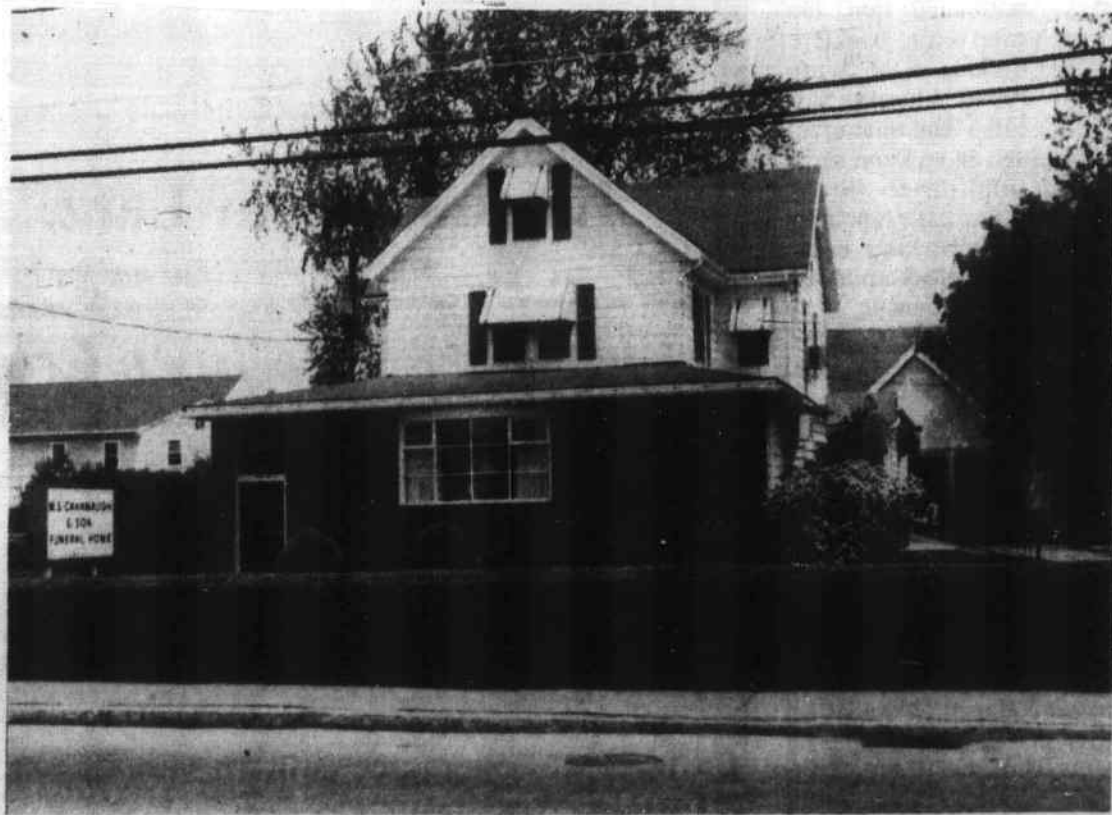
Dell Drive, off Burlington Avenue is the name which is familiar to many Wilmington residents. That was his real estate project, and Tony found that it was easier to spell that name with two, not one letter "l".



McMahon house

This shot of the old McMahon home on Middlesex Avenue near the point of the common was taken just after the hurricane of Sept. 1938 by the late George Lynch.

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Coming events

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Thurs., Jan. 30: 7 to 9:30 p.m., Boating course at MCC. Call 1-800-643-5739.

Thurs., Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13: 7 to 9 p.m. at Regional Health Cntr, Wil., Stress Management Program. Call (617) 756-2220.

Thurs., Jan. 30: 7 p.m., Parent Aide Program volunteer orientation meeting at Social Concern offices, 19 Campbell St., Woburn. Call 617-935-6495.

Thurs., Jan. 30: 7 to 8:30 p.m., Concerned Persons Workshop, High Point, Alcoholism and Drug Treatment Center, Main Street, Tewks. (800) 332-4478. Free workshop to help friends and family intervene.

Thurs., Jan. 30: 7 to 9 p.m., Open house at Our Lady of Nazareth Academy, 14 Winship Dr., Wakefield.

Fri., Jan. 31: 8 p.m. to midnight, Singles Dance at K of C Hall, Main St., Tewks. Sponsored by Minuteman Chapter, Parents without Partners.

Sat., Feb. 1: 5, 5:30, 6 and 6:30 p.m., Turkey supper buffet style at First Baptist Church, 1500 Andover St., No. Tewks. Call 851-6875.

Feb. 2-8: Shriners recognize Burn Awareness Week.

Sun., Feb. 2: 2 p.m., Middlesex Canal Assoc. meets at Winchester Unitarian Church.

Mon., Feb. 3: 1 p.m., Elder Commissioners information meeting at Buzzell Senior Center, 15 School St., Wil.

Tues., Feb. 4: 9:30 a.m., Wil. Woburn Street School Pac meets in the cafeteria.

Tues., Feb. 4: 9:30 a.m., Jobseekers group at Presbyterian Church, 335 Cambridge Street, Burlington. Call (617) 272-9190.

Tues., Feb. 4, Mar. 2, Apr. 7: 7:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., Dr. Leavitt speaks on foot surgery at N.E. Mem. Hosp., Stoneham.

Thurs., Feb. 6: Tewks. Seniors off to Newburyport leaving Senior Center at 9:10 a.m.

Sat., Feb. 8: Wil. Chamber of Commerce presents "Murder on the Menu" at the Casa Di Fior, 128 West Street. Reserve by Feb. 1.

Mon., Feb. 10: 7 p.m., Tewks. Rep. Town Comm meets at Patten Lib.

Mon., Feb. 10: 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m., Rep. Miceli office hours at Tewks. Town Hall.

Mon., Feb. 10: 7 p.m., Meet the Midwives in the Malden Room, Malden Hosp. Call (617) 397-6503.

Tues., Feb. 11, Wed., 12: 6 to 8 p.m. at Wil. K of C, spring soccer signups for K-grade three.

Tues., Feb. 11: 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m., Rep. Miceli office hours at 4a Colonial Park Mall, Wil.

Wed., Feb. 12: Tewks. Garden Club lecture at Senior Center.

Thurs., Feb. 13: 7 p.m., in TMHS auditorium. prom and bridal fashions from a "Fantasy of Fashion." Call 851-8258.

Fri., Feb. 14: Tewks. Seniors Valentine Dance begins with 7 p.m. buffet. Ticket sales close Feb. 7.

Fri., Feb. 14: Wil. Council on Aging social, from 7 p.m. Signup begins Jan. 17.

Fri., Feb. 14: 7:30 p.m. to midnight; adult dance sponsored by Wil. Pop Warner will be held at K of C Hall.

Sun., Feb. 16: 7 p.m. K of C Hall, Main St., Tewks., Presidents' Ball. Call 851-9583.

Chamber hosts show

The Murder Mystery Cafe' Boston, comes to Wilmington with its new comical murder mystery production of the "Boardwalk Melody Hour Murder" on Saturday, Feb. 8. This entertaining evening is being sponsored by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and will be held at the Casa di Fior, 128 West St., Wilmington. The evening will begin with a social hour at seven followed by a full course, boneless breast of tender chicken dinner served during this whimsical show.

Tickets for the Chamber's annual dinner/mystery theatre show will be \$30 per person. Reservations are required by Feb. 1 and may be made by sending a check to the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 463, Wilmington. For further information on reserving tables of 10, please call the Chamber office at 657-7211.

Story hour registration

Registration will take place during February for Wilmington Memorial Library's free story hour program for the town's three and four-year-olds (and for five-year-olds not enrolled in kindergarten). The six week program featuring picture books and related activities will begin the first week in March and end the second week of April. Tuesday and Wednesday groups are planned for three-year-olds and Friday groups for four-year-olds. All groups meet once each week for one half hour.

More than 150 children are enrolled each season in this popular program. In order to minimize disruption of other library patrons, it is requested that parking for story hours be confined to the lower parking lot on Wildwood Street and that children arrive no more than 15 minutes before their scheduled story hour and that they leave as soon as possible afterward.

Registration can be made in person or by telephone. For more information, call the Children's Department at 658-2967.

Sign-up soon for Community Schools

Wilmington Community Schools is an arts and education program that is offered for the community of Wilmington and surrounding towns. Wilmington Community Schools will provide the residents of Wilmington the opportunity to attend a wide variety of classes at a low cost.

Registration will take place as follows: Walk-in registration,

Wilmington High School cafeteria Mon., Feb. 24. Phone-in registration, Tues., Feb. 25 through Fri., 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. 658-9913 or 657-7403.

Registration and information forms may be picked up at Wilmington Memorial Library, Town Hall or WHS. For more information call Karen DiGiovine at 657-7403 or Melissa Nobile 658-9913.

Shawsheen Commons lottery this Saturday

The second lottery to select homebuyer applicants for units in the next construction phase of Shawsheen Commons will be held Saturday, February 1 at 9 a.m. in

the Town Hall auditorium. One hundred and eight applications have been received for the affordable units. The entire process should be completed by 11 a.m.

Middlesex Canal Assoc. to meet February 2

The Middlesex Canal Association will hold its winter meeting Sun., Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. at the Winchester Unitarian Church. The program will present Richard White-Smith, director of New York Parks and Conservation Association, who will present a program including slides on the Delaware & Hudson Canal. This canal was completed in 1828 and ran from the Hudson River just below Kingston, N.Y. for 108 miles to the coal fields of Pennsylvania. It had 107 locks and 22 aqueducts. The aqueduct which carried the canal over the Delaware River was designed and constructed by John Roebling who later built the famous

Brooklyn Bridge.

Mr. White-Smith will also include his experience in preservation, establishing greenways, and rallying potential user groups. Family and friends and the public are invited for an interesting afternoon. Following the program, there will be refreshments and an opportunity to socialize with other members and guests.

The Unitarian Church is located near the center of Winchester at 478 Main Street (Rt. 38) at the intersection of Main and Mystic Valley Parkway. Park on Main St. or in the parking lot behind the church. Enter by Main St. door.

WCTV Program Schedule

Channel 30, public access
Thurs., Jan. 30: 6 p.m., United Methodist Church service of 1/26; 7:30 p.m., "Uniquely Wilmington;" 8:30 p.m., Lubbers Brook; 9:30 p.m., 1992 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

Fri., Jan. 31: 7 p.m., Sports Roundup; 8 p.m., Wilmington recreation basketball, Columbia vs Brown; Villanova vs BC; Princeton vs Dartmouth; Harvard vs Yale; 10 p.m., Concert on the Common, "Julie Dougherty trip."

Sat., Feb. 1: 5:58 p.m., Wilmington Recreation basketball; 8 p.m., Concert on the Common, "Julie Dougherty Trio."

Sun., Feb. 2: 1, 5 and 8 p.m., United Methodist Church service; 3 p.m., Concert on the Common, "Country Limited;" 7 p.m., George Washington Himself.

Mon., Feb. 3: 5:15 p.m., Valentines by Willa; 5:30 p.m., The Truth Will Set You Free; 7 p.m., Open Door Baptist Church; 8:30 p.m., Sports Roundup; 9:30 p.m., Skiing with Peabody and Birmingham.

Tues., Feb. 4: 5:58 p.m., Wilmington Recreation Basketball games; 8 p.m., Concert on the Common: "Full Circle."

Wed., Feb. 5: 6 p.m., "Talk to WCTV" live; 6:30 p.m., Christian Teaching and Worship Center; 7:30 p.m., Concert on the Common, "George Godding."

Thurs., Feb. 6: 6 p.m., United Methodist Church service of 2/2; 7:30 p.m., "Uniquely Wilmington;" 8 p.m., Concert on the Common, "Preacher Jack."

Schedule may change without notice; please refer to the WCTV Community Bulletin Board.

Channel 52 educational access
Thurs., Jan. 30: 8 p.m., Wilmington High school Thanksgiving day game; 9 p.m., to be announced.

Mon., Feb. 3: 6 p.m., West Intermediate School Foreign Language classes visit to New York City; 6:30 p.m., Teaching your Children About HIV/Aids.

Wed., Feb. 5: 7:30 p.m., School Committee meeting of 1/22.

Thurs., Feb. 6: 5:30 p.m., Teaching Your Children About HIV/Aids.

This schedule may change without notice. Refer to WCTV Community Bulletin Board.

Channel 56 governmental access
Mon., Feb. 3: 6:30 p.m., Selectmen meeting of 1/27.

Tues., Feb. 4: 7 p.m., Elder Affairs Commission meeting of 1/28.

This schedule may change without notice. Refer to WCTV Community Bulletin Board.

Rep Miceli office hours

Rep. James R. Miceli, who represents both Tewksbury and Wilmington on Beacon Hill, will hold his monthly office hours for constituents on the following dates:

Tewksbury: Mon., Feb. 10 at the town hall from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Wilmington: Tues., Feb. 11 at 4a Colonial Park Mall from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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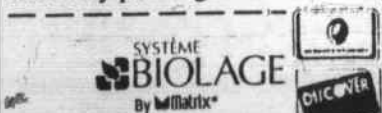
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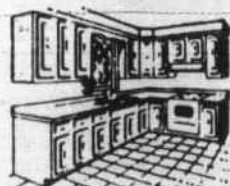


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Wilmington police news

During the week ending January 28, Wilmington police officers responded to 22 alarms, made three arrests and four protective custody detentions, investigated two assault complaints, assisted other departments on six occasions and completed eight bank escorts.

Two reports of disorderly conduct were checked out along with three domestic problems, three larcenies, one threat complaint and 17 traffic accidents.

Medical assistance was rendered twice, three non-criminal complaints were logged, 21 public services were performed, along with 12 traffic services, one report of vandalism and 11 incidents of suspicious activity.

Arrests

Wednesday morning officers Bob Richter and Chip Bruce drove to Weymouth to arrest James Holloway, 30 of Witman on the basis of a warrant issued by Woburn Court. Holloway was taken directly to Woburn for processing.

Friday evening officer Hanlon arrested Michael White, 27 of Cooledge Street, Tewksbury and charged him with operating after his license had been suspended. White was bailed for a January 28 court appearance.

Early Saturday morning Linda M. Spinale of Billerica was arrested by Officer Reece. Spinale was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol.

Robert Mitza, 39 of Billerica was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol early Sunday morning. The arrest was made by Officer Richter.

Monday evening Officer Hanlon arrested Lorenzo Scott of Woburn and charged him with operating under the influence of alcohol.



Ballardvale Street in Wilmington has many industrial firms with a common problem — directions. For a long time, the companies were depending on signs nailed to a phone pole. The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce recently erected a large sign with 30 spaces where each firm can be listed. On hand for a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday were, from left, Chamber Executive Director Joan O'Rourke, Planning Director Lynne Duncan, Agfa Sr. Facilities Mgr. Ken Mastrullo, Chamber President Ray Forest, Town Manager Michael Cairra, Town Engineer Harold Gillam and Chamber Membership Director Sandy Murphy.

Directions

Wilmington senior topics

Two-fold meal program

The Elder Services Department has a two fold meals program for the Wilmington senior citizens. One is the meals on wheels for seniors confined to their home due to illness, recuperating after a hospital stay or disability, unable to get out. The other is eating together at the lunch site in the high school.

Any senior who would like to eat

with other seniors can do so any day that school is in session. At the school one may have their selection of one of three meals, a salad with soup; sandwich with soup or a hot meal, all with dessert, coffee and milk. To receive a meal delivered or served it is necessary to call the Senior Center the day before you want it. The price is \$1 for either meal. These meals do not go by your income level. Any senior may be served a meal. To reserve a meal call 657-7595 or 658-2258.

Elder commissioners meeting

The Elder Commissioners informational meeting will be held in the function room of the Buzzell Senior Citizen Center, 15 School St., Monday, Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. At this meeting we will have as our guest Attorney Rebecca Benson of the Cambridge/Somerville Elder Legal Services. She will be speaking and answering questions on the new Health Care Proxy Law. She understands this law is very confusing to many seniors.

What's it about?

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Wednesday: Roast beef with gravy, creamy whipped potato, seasoned carrots, chilled applesauce, wheat bread and butter, jello with topping and milk.

Thursday: Meatballs and gravy over creamy mashed potatoes, zucchini, light rye bread and butter, toll house squares and milk.

Friday: Baked fish dinner, tartar sauce on the side, oven baked potato, seasoned peas, whole wheat bread and butter, ice cream and milk.

through a representative we have selected and trust to act on our behalf as to our medical treatment should we lose the capacity to do it ourselves. As of December 1, 1991, the new law also requires doctors, hospital nursing homes and other facilities to inform us of our rights to a Health Care Proxy. Churches are also pressuring us to make out this Proxy form now. The question being asked by seniors is why now? Attorney Benson will help with that question and answer any others about this law.

This is an important issue for all of us as none of us will know if or when someone will have to make a decision if we wanted our life prolonged through machines. The proxy care law allows us to make that decision ourselves now. Please try to attend to learn what this law is about ask as many questions as you wish, Attorney Benson said that is the only way to help you make up your mind.

Income tax assistance

Joe Hughes, a trained income tax preparer will be assisting seniors every Monday through the end of March from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on appointment only. Please call the center early so we can give Joe an estimate of the number of seniors he will be helping. Last year because seniors waited too long to call for appointments, he had to work many times much longer in the day than he should have. This service is free, but he has retired and is volunteering his time. All he is asking is that seniors make their appointment's early so he can judge his time allowing to do the best job he can for senior taxpayers.

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Receipts:

Business & Professional	\$12897.00	
Payroll Deductions	12573.40	
Walk for Freddy	10932.58	
Walk-a-thon	5319.95	
Personal Contributions	906.93	\$42629.86
Bank Interest	2199.62	\$44829.48

Disbursements:

Agencies:

Little League	\$4150.00	
Cerebral Palsy	4000.00	
Assn Ovcme M.S.	4000.00	
Soccer	3500.00	
Skating Club	3000.00	
Visiting Nurses Assn	2500.00	
American Red Cross	2500.00	
Boy Scouts	1500.00	
Girl Scouts	1500.00	
U.S.O.	1300.00	
Pop Warner	1200.00	
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Camp 40 Acres	750.00	
Museum Pass Fund	550.00	
Campfire	500.00	
Co-op Elder Services	500.00	
Scholarship	500.00	
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Youth Basketball	450.00	\$33650.00

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Walk for Freddy	\$7798.05	
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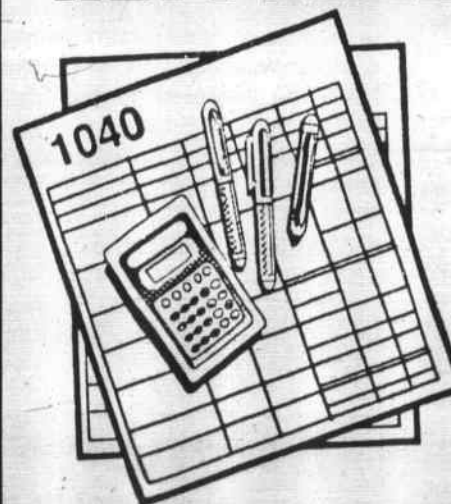
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Sports

MVC basketball

Redmen upset Wildcats

Mike Kinnon's three point play with 1:33 left in the game and Corey Morrison's two clutch free throws with 32 seconds left gave the Tewksbury High School varsity basketball squad a tough 85-81 win over the Wilmington Wildcats in an MVC basketball Small School showdown at the Cushing Gymnasium Friday night.

Kinnon finished with 14 points for coach Charlie Micol's Redmen who saw their MVC record improve to 3-5 on the season. Tewksbury is 4-8 overall.

Morrison popped in 18 points for the winners, while Joe Lamonica canned 19. Jon Craig played a solid game for the visitors with 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Wilmington High School's Jim McCune, who recently won his 100th game as a varsity coach, pointed to defensive breakdowns and key mistakes late in the game as factors in his team's fifth loss of the season.

"We're still scoring points, so that's not a problem," noted McCune, "but defensively we have to play better."

The Wildcats allowed the Redmen sharpshooters to shoot over their defense for most of the night. "One thing all of those Tewksbury kids can do is shoot," offered the WHS coach. "We got up by eight points two or three times in the second half, but they just came right back and got in the game."

The Wildcats were led by Eric Flynn with 26 points, Dave Oatis with 18 and John Lynch with 13.

Earlier in the week the Wildcats dropped a 86-79 showdown to a vastly improved Billerica team they had defeated in the first game between the two teams at Wilmington.

Jody Norton shot the lights out from long range for the home squad with 25 points, but the Cats had some hot shooters in Flynn with 24, Oatis with 14 and Dan Godin with 13 points.

Wilmington is perched just one game behind first place Lawrence with a 4-4 slate in the Small School Division. "We've lost four games this year by a total of 15 points," says McCune. Last week's two tough defeats were typical of just how the Wildcats have dropped games this season.

McCune sees improvement, but at this stage of the season he would like to see a bit more consistency down the stretch.

The Redmen were not even close in their stretch run against Lowell High School last Tuesday. The Red Raiders cruised to a 102-75 victory despite the scoring of Redmen Tim Grace (21 points) and Lamonica (20).

Redmen blitz Wildcats

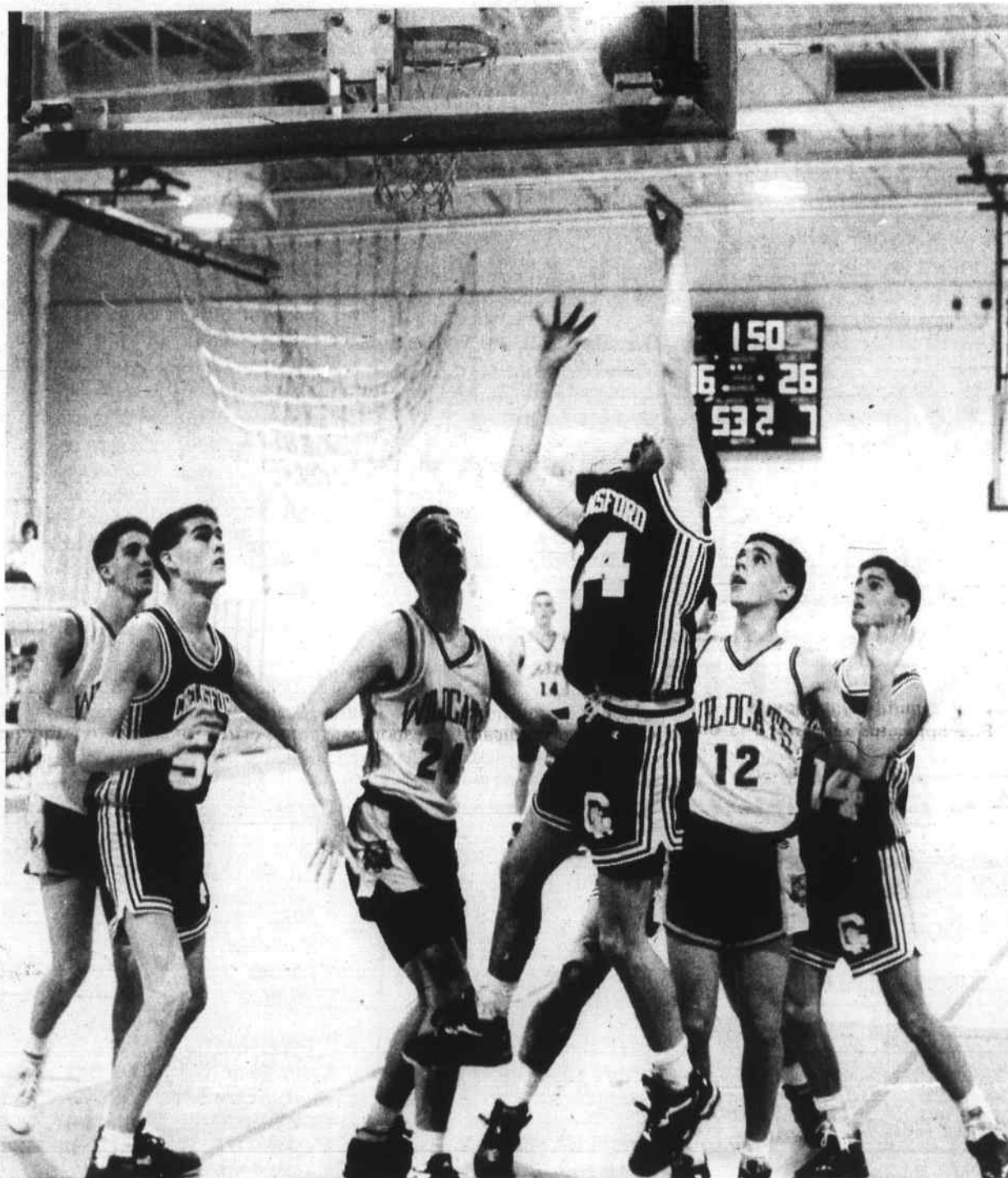
Kyle Moore scored the hat trick and goaltender Rob McGrath was forced to make only eight saves as Tewksbury blitzed Wilmington, 6-2 in MVHL action at the Ristuccia Expo Saturday afternoon.

Scott MacKenzie and Mike Pilcher had the Wilmington goals, while Kevin Nazzarro, Brian Gangeimi and Pete McRae also scored for Tewksbury.

Wilmington goaltender Bob Lesko made 31 saves in another solid game for his team. The win kept the Redmen on top in the Small School Division of the MVHL at 7-3-1 overall, while the Wildcat slipped to 2-8-0 overall this season.



Beat to the baseline Wilmington High School's Eric Flynn (24) and John Lynch (10) attempt to cut short this Chelmsford player's drive to the baseline in an MVC win for the Wildcats.



WHS sparks

Eric Flynn (24) and Derrick Stokes (12) are just two of the players who have helped the Wildcats to second place in the Small School Division. This week the Wildcats will be looking to bounce back from two tough defeats.

MVC girls' basketball

WHS girls score first victories

The Wilmington High School varsity girls' basketball squad scored their first two victories of the season in recent MVC action.

The Wildcats topped Billerica, 52-48 behind the play of Jen Rago (22 points), Lynette Sbrano (seven) and Lynette Berger (six).

The other WHS win came over Chelmsford, 38-37 as Sbrano led the way with 13 points and Rago canned nine. Leah Mazzoni, Gina DeSantis and Joy Michaud all played fine defensive games for coach Sue Power's Wildcats.

The Tewksbury girls and coach Doug Anderson enjoyed a

successful week with wins over Lowell (56-38) and Wilmington (48-32).

Amy Beauregard continued her fine play this season with 18 points in the Lowell victory. Mary

Beaulieu and Kristin Hodges hooped nine points apiece for TMHS.

Tewksbury rolled over Wilmington Friday night behind the play of Julie and Amy Beauregard. Jen Rago led the Wildcats with 14 points.

An explanation

Due to space limitations and the reprinting of the complete Wilmington High School Hall of Fame story, the Sports Notebook, Wilmington Youth Hockey report and additional Wilmington Youth

Basketball scores will not be included in this week's sports section. Look for all three in an upcoming edition of the Town Crier.

Wilmington Recreation Basketball

Mavericks trip Bulls, 55-42

NBA

Mavericks 55 Bulls 42

Top scorers for the Mavericks were Dan Kivlehan with 18 points, Joe Langone with 16 and Josh Levesque with eight.

Top scorers for the Bulls were Jeff McManus with 16 points, Chris Gill with 11 and Mike LaCorcia with eight. Brian Tildsley, Jim LaCasse and Jeff Chin played an important role in the victory for the Mavericks. The Finn brothers and Mike Patito played an inspired game for the Bulls.

Pistons 57 Lakers 54

Top scorers for the Pistons were Rob Brisbois with 38 points, Pat Cahill with nine and Wesley Dunham with four.

Top scorers for the Lakers were Charlie Kacamburas with 19 points, John McKinnon with 16 and Buddy Pratt with 11. Dylan Rogers and Paul Savage hit some key baskets for the Lakers. Rob LaVita and Seun Kim played an inspired game for the Pistons.

Spurs 51 Celtics 41

Top scorers for the Spurs were Dave DeSantis with 22 points, Shawn Barden with 11 and Marc Trinchera with nine.

Top scorers for the Celtics were Jack Warford and Jay Iannacchino with 10 points each and Dave Caccamese with nine. Jeremy Antonuc, Mike Tentindo and Steve Smith played great defense for the Spurs. Marc DiJulia, Keith Audette and Dan King scored key hoops for the Celtics.

Ivy League

Harvard 26 Dartmouth 24

Top scorers for Harvard were Greg Young and Scott Griffin with eight points each and Sean Kerrigan with four.

Top scorers for Dartmouth were Wayne Francis with 10 points, Mike Gargan with eight and Mike Carroll with four. Brian McCarthy, Tom Early and Paul Caldwell hustled on defense for Harvard. Joe Bamberg and Matt Hardy had several assists for Dartmouth.

Princeton 28 Brown 22

Top scorers for Princeton were Rob Eldridge with 12 points, Steve Johnson with six and Rory Murphy with four.

Top scorers for Brown were Colin Sullivan with eight points, Pat Mallon with three and Andy Kane with two. Brian Thresher, Mike Kelley and David Vitale played an important role in the victory for Princeton. Paul Mahoney, Ken Logan and Mike O'Toole hustled on defense for Brown.

Yale 36 Columbia 29

Top scorers for Yale were Mike MacDonald with 19 points, Chris DiJulia with nine and Matt Peddle with four.

Top scorers for Columbia were Kevin Kacamburas with eight points, Stephen Holland with five and Mark LaFave with four. Eric Mantey and Craig McLaren hit some key baskets for Yale. Scott Ferguson, David McLaughlin and Marc Merriman played an inspired game for Columbia.

PAC-10

Washington 35 Oregon 30

Top scorers for Washington were Jaime Forgett with 28 points, Kerry Scifo with four and Katie Gillis with three.

Top scorers for Oregon were Lisa Timulty with 18 points, Katherine Townsend with eight and Karen MacArthur with four. Janceen Neale, Kristen Peach and Jenna Neale played great defense for Oregon. Angela Cardinale, Allison Giordano and Tracy Reichel played an all-around great game for Washington.

UCLA 36 Stanford 27

Top scorers for UCLA were Michelle Castronovo with 20 points, Kellie O'Donnell with five and Melissa Alonardo with four.

Top scorers for Stanford were Leanne Harris with 12 points, Jaclyn Harrison with seven and Melissa Mather with four. Jamie Paquin, Cheryl Lee, Heather Scott and Caitlin Wright played an all-around great game for UCLA.

Big Ten Conference

Purdue 29 Indiana 21

Top scorers for Purdue were Peter Grasso and Dave DeAmato with 10 points each and Mike Garbati with five.

Top scorers for Indiana were Ken Bramley with six points, Joshua Michael with seven and Mike Warford with two. Danny Bonnell and Jason Crescenzo played an important role in the victory for Purdue. Dave Ward and Matt Jones pulled down key rebounds for Indiana.

Minnesota 33 Ohio State 18

Top scorers for Minnesota were Jamie Campbell with seven points, Jimmy White and Casey Murphy with six each.

Top scorers for Ohio State were Sean McNabb with six points, Jason Tildsley and Richie Selig with three points each. Dave Senarian and Matt Senesi led the offense for Minnesota. Ralph Peterson and Brendan Mallon played an inspired game for Ohio State.

MSU 25 Wisconsin 22

Top scorers for MSU were Kevin Riley with 15 points, Matt Kacamburas with eight and Daniel Sweet with two.

Top scorers for Wisconsin were Jimmy O'Donnell with nine points, Mike Pinkham with seven and Chris Butler with three. Mike Gennetti and Jake Alcosco played aggressive defense for MSU. Rory Ballou and Terry Bolan pulled down key rebounds for Wisconsin.

Iowa 43 Northwestern 21

Top scorers for Iowa were Dennis Ingram with 11 points, Chris MacDonald with eight and Mike LaVita and Joe Moroney with six points each.

Top scorers for Northwestern were Buddy Phillips with 14 points, Chris Cassidy and Tommy Lecerese with two points each. Peter Bamberg and Kevin Finnerty scored key hoops for Iowa. Andy Falanga and Joel McKenna played an all-around great game for Northwestern.

Michigan 24 Illinois 20

Top scorers for Michigan were Scott Swieczynski with 17 points, Chris Burns with four and Joe Whitfield with three.

Top scorers for Illinois were Sean Cahill with 10 points, Jeff Arciero with seven and Darren Arciero with two. Doug Burns and Shaun Ryan pushed the ball up the court for Michigan.

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Redmen
take charge

The Tewksbury High School hockey squad has dug and dove to two tough victories
over Andover and Wilmington to move into first place in the Small School Division of
the MVHL.

Where the action is

Wilmington Wildcats
Boys' basketball
Friday, Jan. 31: Wilmington at
Haverhill (6 p.m.).
Girls' basketball
Friday, Jan. 31: Wilmington at
Haverhill (7:45).
Tuesday, Feb. 4: Billerica at
Wilmington (7:30).
Hockey
Wednesday, Jan. 29: Haverhill
at Wilmington (Ristuccia Expo, 8
p.m.).
Saturday, Feb. 1: Wilmington
at Haverhill (7 p.m.).

Wrestling
Wednesday, Jan. 29: Methuen
at Wilmington (6:30).
Saturday, Feb. 1: Wilmington
at North Andover (1 p.m.).
Wednesday, Feb. 5: Salem at
Wilmington (1 p.m.).
Track
Thursday, Jan. 30: Wilmington
vs Lawrence (Lowell High School,
3:30).
Saturday, Feb. 1: Wilmington
at State Relays (TBA).
Gymnastics
Thursday, Jan. 30: Wilmington
at Dracut (7 p.m.).
Monday, Feb. 3: Methuen at
Wilmington (7 p.m.).

Tewksbury Redmen
Boys' basketball
Friday, Jan. 31: Tewksbury at
Billerica (7:45 p.m.).
Tuesday, Feb. 4: Dracut at
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Girls' basketball
Friday, Jan. 31: Tewksbury at
Billerica (6 p.m.).
Tuesday, Feb. 4: Dracut at
Tewksbury (6 p.m.).
Hockey
Wednesday, Jan. 29: Chelms-
ford at Tewksbury (6 p.m.).
Saturday, Feb. 1: Tewksbury at
Billerica (7 p.m.).
Wednesday, Feb. 5: Dracut at
Tewksbury (6 p.m.).

Wrestling
Wednesday, Jan. 29: Tewks-
bury at Chelmsford (6:30).
Saturday, Feb. 1: Tewksbury at
Methuen Invitational (TBA).
Wednesday, Feb. 5: Haverhill
at Tewksbury (6:30).
Track
Wednesday, Jan. 29:
Tewksbury at Phillips Academy
(3:30).
Saturday, Feb. 1: Tewksbury at
State Relays (TBA).

Where they stand

MVC Boys' Basketball	
Large School	
	W L
Andover	8 1
Billerica	6 2
Central	6 2
Haverhill	5 4
Lowell	5 3
Chelmsford	1 7
Overall records	
Andover (10-3), Billerica (8-3), Central Catholic (8-4), Haverhill 8-5), Lowell (8-5), Chelmsford (2-10).	

Small School	
	W L
Lawrence	5 3
Wilmington	4 4
Tewksbury	3 5
Methuen	1 7
Dracut	1 7
Overall records	
Lawrence (7-5), Wilmington (7-5), Tewksbury (4-8), Methuen (4-8), Dracut (3-10).	

Small School		
	W	L
Tewksbury	6	1
Methuen	5	2
Andover	3	4
Dracut	2	6
Wilmington	1	7

Overall records
Tewksbury (7-3-1), Methuen
(8-3-0), Andover (7-5-1), Dracut
(3-9-0), Wilmington (2-8-0).

MVC Boys' Track		
Large School		
	W	L
Central	5	0
Lowell	5	0
Andover	5	1
Chelmsford	4	2
Billerica	2	3
Masconomet	1	4
No. Reading	0	5
No. Andover	0	5

Small School		
	W	L
Haverhill	4	0
Tewksbury	3	1
Methuen	3	1
Ipswich	2	3
Wilmington	2	2
Lawrence	1	3
Lynnfield	0	5

MVC Wrestling		
Large School		
	W	L
Lowell	5	0
Billerica	5	0
Chelmsford	3	0
Haverhill	4	3
Central	3	5

Small School		
	W	L
Methuen	3	2
Dracut	4	3
Lawrence	1	3
Tewksbury	1	4
Wilmington	0	7

Commonwealth Wrestling		
	W	L
Shawsheen	2	0
Gr. Lawrence	2	0
Gr. Lowell	1	1
Tyngsboro	1	1
Minuteman	0	2
Whittier	0	2

Commonwealth Girls' Basketball	
	W L
Tyngsboro	9 0
PMA	7 1
Lynn Tech	7 4
Greater Lowell	6 2
Shawsheen	5 4
Greater Lawrence	5 4
Northeast	2 7
Chelsea	0 7
Whittier	0 9

Overall records
Tyngsboro (9-4), PMA (10-2),
Lynn Tech (7-5), Greater Lowell
(8-3), Shawsheen (7-5), Greater
Lawrence (5-7), Northeast (2-7),
Chelsea (1-7), Whittier (1-9).

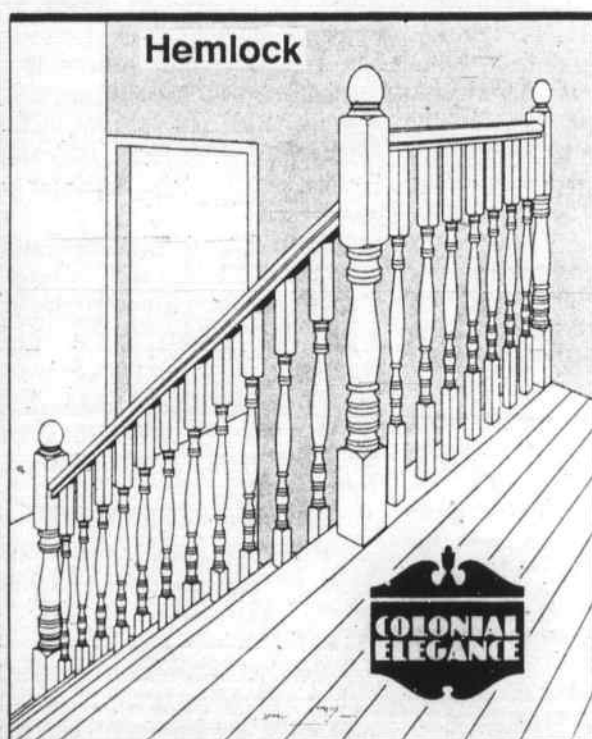
MVC Hockey	
Large School	
	W L T
Central	6 1 1
Billerica	5 0 2
Chelmsford	4 1 2
Haverhill	2 5 1
Lowell	0 7 1

Overall records
Central Catholic (9-2-1), Billerica
(7-1-2), Chelmsford (7-4-2),
Haverhill (5-7-2), Lowell (1-8-1).

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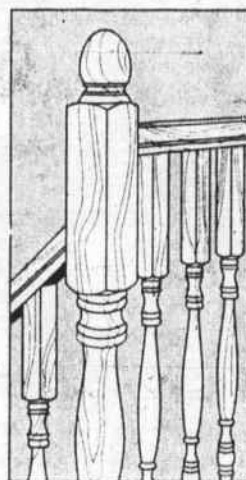


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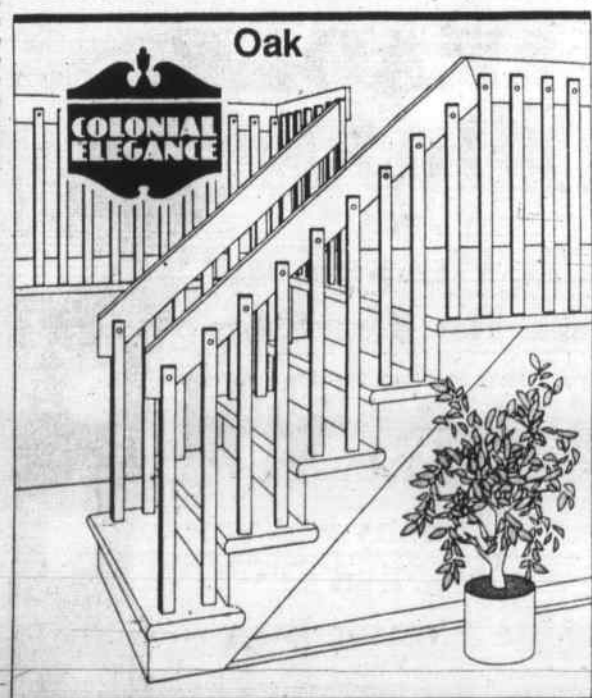
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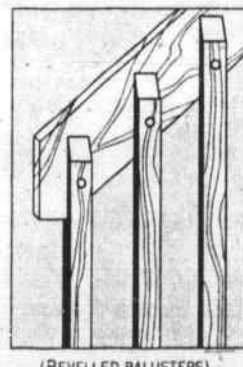


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O'Donnell; 12, Michael Gargan; 13,
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Each winner received a trophy
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participation.

Wilmington Youth Soccer signups

The Wilmington Youth Soccer
Association has announced signups
for it's spring 1992 in-town soccer
season. Teams will be formed for
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Registration dates are Tuesday,
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The spring fee is \$20 per player,
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Frosh battle
for rebound

Wilmington girls freshmen players Lorilynn Fenton (14), Erin Beal (10) and Mary Armata (30) battle for this rebound in MVC play.

outdoors column

This catch was a real prize

by Bill Conlon
Haven't really got a topic for this week, so how about a story?
Like the story about poor Donny Beauchesne.

Donny is an ice fisherman, family man, beer drinker and all-around nice guy.

But boy, did his ice fishing buddy stick it to him a few weeks back.

Donny won an ice fishing derby a few seasons ago, and the trophy has been in his fishing box ever since. At the Merrimack Valley Bass Masters ice fishing derby on January 19, Donny placed the trophy next to one of his freshly-cut holes, and declared that the biggest fish of the day would be coming through that hole. Wishful thinking, really.

Well, the fishing that day was a bit slow, and eventually Donny was off chatting with another angler as the morning dragged along.

He should have paid attention to Mike Yarnell, his fishing partner.

In the middle of the conversation, somebody screamed "FLAG UP!" and all heads turned. An ice fishing tipup has a spring-loaded flag that pops upright to indicate a bite, and somebody saw a flag. It's courtesy to scream it out, so everybody will scan their spread of tipups for the lucky hole. Mike Yarnell, being a true pal, yelled over to Donny that it was his tip-up with the flag up.

Donny hurried over, but a quick

inspection showed the line hanging straight down -- a false alarm?

Mike said pickerel have the habit of stopping after they eat, so it may be a pickerel on the line. And since it was such a slow fishing day, a small crowd wandered over to see the battle of fish versus fisherman.

Donny took the line in his fingers and, feeling a resistance, jerked the string to set the hook. As he hauled up the line he announced that there was something on his line, something heavy, and it felt like a good fish. Donny was getting excited. So was everyone else, for a variety of reasons.

Imagine, if you will, the look on poor Donny's face when he hauled up his line, and found his fishing trophy tied to the end of the string! Now try to imagine the expressions on every other face around him.

Mike said the other anglers were falling over from laughing so hard, and there were tears running down their cheeks.

Donny is still grumbling about it. He'll get Yarnell back, somehow. Eventually. Hope I get to see it.

This past weekend, the Greater Lowell Fly Fishers held the first of their two annual ice fishing derbies.

The temperature was seasonable, meaning below freezing but not too

bad, and the ice was perfect for ice skaters but not for walking. All the wise anglers were wearing a set of "creepers" on their boots to give traction on the glassy surface. Ice was about six to ten inches thick, an adequate amount for safety.

The fishing, however, was lousy. With 180 anglers registered, only 28 fish were brought to the weigh table for checking. This scribe, saw the seven anglers around me, saw a grand total of three flags all day. I had no flags at all. Nada. Awful.

A low pressure system had passed by during the night, so atmospheric pressure was rising all day. Maybe that explains the slow fishing.

But there were enough fish taken to fill the ten-place winner board.

Top prize of \$300 went to Benny Nowokunski of Acton, for a bass that weighed 3 pounds, 10 ounces. His fishing partner, Mark Killgren of Lowell, took third place with a 2-15 bass, so location had a lot to do with success.

Second place was won by Dennis Seigny of Dracut, for a pickerel at 3-pounds-8. Four of the top ten fish were pickerel.

Fourth place was earned by Leo Calhoun of Lowell, for a bass that weighed 2-11, but Leo was also the club member with the biggest fish, so add an extra \$100 to his prize of \$75. Nice day for Leo, eh?

Fifth place was taken by Mike Lynch of Woburn, for a pickerel at 2-6 that was worth \$50, and the last six places were all worth \$25 each. Jerry Radcliffe of Lowell took the sixth place; Mike Yarnell (yup!) of Tyngsboro had seventh; Richard Brow of Billerica gained eighth; Ray Rondeau of Littleton handled ninth; and Jerry Duran of Dracut held onto last place, with a pickerel that weighed 1-pound, 15-ounces.

— Tackle Box —

The Greater Lowell Fly Fishers second derby, if the ice holds out, is set for February 9 on Freeman (or "Crystal") Lake, just off Route 40 in N. Chelmsford. HQ is behind the American Legion hall there.

Also planned for February 9 is a Merrimack Valley Bass Masters ice fishing derby, on Lake Mascuppig in Dracut.

As of the day wasn't busy already, Tewksbury Rod & Gun Club has a 3-D archery shoot planned for February 9, and that Sunday is the final day of the Eastern Fishing & Outdoors Expo at the Centrum out in Worcester.

This weekend is the great Rotary Club - Pepsi ice fishing derby in New Hampshire, centered around Meredith, N.H. Thousands of ice anglers are expected to turn out.

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Hall of Fame (from page 14)

athletic fields during his high school years were also outstanding. He was president of his high school class for four years. He was a member of the National Honor Society. He was master counselor of Middlesex Chapter, Order of DeMolay and he was president of Pilgrim Fellowship at the Congregational Church. He was also a Junior Rotarian. He was selected to represent Wilmington at Boys State in 1962 where he was elected president of the senate. As a lifeguard at Town Beach at Silver Lake, Dick spent seven summers teaching hundreds of Wilmington children to swim.

After being recruited as a high school football player and student-athlete, Dick went on to play football and run track at Bates College before attending Boston University, where he graduated with honors. Dick was awarded the WHS Booster Club highest scholarship award in 1963. He attended college on a four year competitive scholarship award from Cabot Corporation.

Dick has devoted thousands of hours to his passion for youth sports. He has been an officer in several youth sports organizations. He has coached football, hockey and baseball teams for ages six through 16.

Dick currently lives in Andover with his wife, Lynne. Their four sons Dan, Glenn, Todd and Paul have participated in athletics at the local, high school, college and national levels.

Sheila Burns Barry Class of 1977 Athlete

Sheila Burns Barry was a 1977 graduate of Wilmington High School. During her time at the Hgh school she became one of it's all-time great female athletes.

Sheila was captain of the field hockey team in both her junior and senior year, as well as a Merrimack Valley Conference all-star for two years.

In basketball she played varsity all four years and was the team captain as a senior.

In softball Sheila played varsity all four years and was captain as both a junior and senior. In addition she was Lowell Sun All Star, a Merrimack Valley Conference All Star, a member of the Boston Globe all scholastic team and shared the Merrimack Valley Player of the Year Award in 1977. Sheila was named winner of the Gerald Fagan Award as the outstanding female athlete in both her junior and senior years.

After high school, Sheila continued to excel in athletics. While attending Assumption College, Sheila participated in both field hockey and basketball. In field hockey she was the team captain as both a junior and a senior, as well as it's most valuable player as a senior. In basketball she was team captain as a senior. In addition, she received the prestigious Reverend Armond Desethes Award for best Student Athlete in 1981.

William P. Chisholm Class of 1949 Athlete

Bill was very active in extra-curricular activities during his tenure at Wilmington High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society, Senior Class Treasurer and Historian.

Bill was a member of the football, basketball, and baseball teams from 1945-1949. In his senior year he was co-captain of the football team, and was selected to the Class D All-State Football team in 1948. In the spring of 1949 Bill was chosen as a member of the Merrimack Valley Baseball All-Star team.

Bill attended Tufts University, graduating in 1953. He is a retired U.S. Army major. Prior to retiring in January 1991, Bill worked for America Cyanamid Company for many years. Today he lives in Tarrifville, Conn with his wife, Betty, who is a 1950 graduate of Wilmington High School. They are blessed with two children, a daughter Susan and a son Stephen, and a grandson Jeffrey.

Bill attributes his inspiration to the late Harold "Ding" Driscoll, who stated to his players, "Always play to win and do your best and you'll never be a loser."

Frank J. Hadley, Jr. Class of 1937 Athlete

Frank Hadley, Jr. graduated from Wilmington High School in 1937.

Mr. Hadley was an outstanding baseball player as evidenced

historically by the medal he received during his senior year from Wilmington Post 136 American Legion for being the most outstanding player on the Wilmington High School team.

He was class president during his senior year.

Mr. Hadley was scouted by the Boston Red Sox and for a time played professional baseball in Pensacola, Florida and in the Washington Senators organization.

Bill Ritchie Class of 1965 Athlete

As the second Hall of Fame inductee from the Ritchie family, Bill is regarded as one of Wilmington's finest all-around athletes of the 1960's.

During his early athletic years, Bill starred in both Wilmington Little League baseball and the Reading Pony league. At those two levels of baseball he was a member of eight championship teams and four all-star teams.

In football, Bill played on two undefeated championship teams and was a Lowell Suburban League All-Star in 1963 and 1964. In 1963 he was voted the outstanding player of the Wilmington-Tewksbury game, and in 1964 he won the prestigious Walter Casey trophy as the most valuable player of the year.

At one time he held records on both offense and defense, including most touchdown passes in a season and interception return yardage in one season.

Continuing his football career, Bill played on the 1966 and 1967 Boston University team as a defensive back before an injury ended his playing days.

In basketball, Bill was the point guard in both his junior and senior years. Along with captaining the 1964 and 1965 teams, he was chosen an MVC all-star in 1965.

Baseball may have been Bill's strong suit, as he was to suffer just one defeat, including tournament play during his high school pitching career. Along with that he managed to lead the 1965 team in hitting.

He earned the Scholastic Achievement Award in Biology in 1964 and was selected a Junior Rotarian in 1965. Bill has gone on to coach several championship teams at both the high school and collegiate levels, and has been awarded "Coach of the Year" commendations from several publications.

He holds a B.S. in Physical Education from Boston University, graduating in 1970. In 1977 he received a Master's in philosophy from Suffolk University and continued his education to earn a C.A.G.S. in Educational Administration from Suffolk in 1981.

Bill currently resides in Tewksbury with his wife Donna. They are the proud parents of two children, Joanna and Kyle.

Arthur F. Spear, Jr. Class of 1949 Athlete

Arthur F. Spear, Jr. graduated

from Wilmington High School with the Class of 1949 and from the University of Massachusetts with a degree in engineering in 1958.

Mr. Spear was an accomplished three sport athlete. In baseball he was the high school's first string catcher for four years. In basketball he started at guard for four years. His final area of athletic involvement was in the sport of football in which he starred as first string halfback and fullback on offense and at center-linebacker on defense.

He scored 55 points while participating on Wilmington High School's 1948 undefeated football team and was selected to play in the first Greater Lowell Greater Lawrence All-Star Game in 1949 as a punter and fullback.

While in high school Arthur's leadership was clearly reflected by the fact that he was elected president of his class in his sophomore, junior and senior years.

Mr. Spear's wonderful family includes his wife of 40 years Margery Bedell Spear, his four daughters and several grandchildren.

Douglas Stewart Class of 1974 Athlete

When Douglas Stewart graduated from Wilmington High School in 1974 he had truly established himself as one of it's all-time great athletes.

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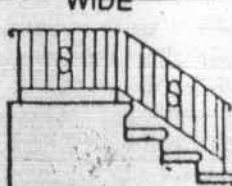
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Hall of Fame (from page 15)

While at Wilmington High School, Doug starred in football, basketball and track, having been named captain of all three sports his senior year.

In football, he was a member of the undefeated league champions of 1972. As a senior he led the team in scoring and was a Merrimack Valley Conference All-Star on both offense and defense.

In basketball, Doug was the team leading scorer and a Merrimack Valley Conference All-Star in both his junior and senior years.

In track Doug was the team high scorer in both his junior and senior years. In addition, he set school records in the long jump, triple jump and the 880 relay. Doug was a member of the 1974 undefeated league and State Class "C" Championship team. At the Class "C" meet he placed in three events; at the all state meet he placed in two events and placed second in the area meet decathlon.

At the conclusion of his senior year he was awarded the Dr. Fagan award as the outstanding athlete.

Doug continued his athletic career after high school while attending Tufts University, participating in football, indoor track and outdoor track. While at Tufts he led the indoor track team in scoring for two seasons and placed second in the long jump at the New England Meet.

Edward J. Woods
Class of 1962
Athlete

Penning the "Spoiler" by the local newspaper for his ability to disrupt the opposing team's offensive strategy, Ed follows a long line of family members who excelled at Wilmington High School.

Ed captained the 1961 undefeated football team, a team that distinguished itself by defeating the more highly touted teams in the Merrimack Valley. His assignment was usually to cover the opposing team's top backs, an assignment he relished.

Many viewed the 1961 team's game against a powerful Lynnfield team as one of the more memorable

games in Wilmington High School football history. Both teams were undefeated at the time. Lynnfield had two explosive backs and Ed was assigned the unenviable job of stopping this powerful tandem. Wilmington won the game and went on to its undefeated season.

While attending Wilmington High School, Ed participated in many other sports. His honors included being named to the Sporting News of America 1961 Honorable Mention Football Team, the Boston

Globe All Scholastic Team, the Herald American All Scholastic Team and the Lowell Sun All Suburban Team. This was done as a two way player. Ed also played on the 1961-1962 Wildcat Suburban League Championship Baseball team.

Between seasons, Ed boxed in the Boosters Boxing Tournament and won two titles in succession. He was also Class President and President of the C.Y.O. He served as a Junior Rotarian during his senior year.



Hustling back on defense Wilmington High School freshmen basketball players Eric Froton (25) and Jim Lacasse (41) attempt to stop this Chelmsford fastbreak in recent MVC action at the Cushing Gymnasium.

births

BEMIS: Ryan Patrick, second child, second son to Lisa (Olivolo) and Daniel Bemis, Jr. of Floradale Avenue, Wilmington on December 25 at Melrose/Wakefield Hospital.

Grandparents include Carol Taylor of Lords Court, Wilmington and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bemis of Grove Avenue.

Ryan's brother is two-year-old Daniel James III.

CALLAHAN: Thomas Nathan, first child to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Callahan of Oakdale Road, Wilmington December 27 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents include Wallace and the late Mary Dunningham and Thomas and Stella Callahan of Venice, Florida, formerly of Reading.

DALEY: Cory Edward, second child, second son to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Daley of Walker Street, Wilmington December 21 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cahill, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. John Daley, all of King Street, Wilmington.

DAVIDSON: Kayla Noelle, first child to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davidson (Sue Gracia) of Woburn Street, Reading on December 25 at Winchester.

Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gracia of State Street, Wilmington and Mr. and Mrs. William J. Davidson of Gunderson Road, Wilmington.

DENEHY: Joseph Ronald, first child to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Denehy, Jr. (Kathi Day) of Patten Road, Tewksbury December 17 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Day of North Reading and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Denehy of Stoneham.

FUDGE: Jillian Sarah, third child, second daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fudge Jr. (Lisa Hancox) of Roberts Road, Wilmington, January 11 at Melrose/Wakefield Hospital.

Grandparents are Diane Hancox of Kilmarnock Street, Wilmington and Richard Fudge of Roberts Road. Jillian joins her siblings, Meghan seven and Richard four.

GENNETTI: Thomas Joseph, fifth child, third son to Mr. and Mrs. John Gennetti of Trull Brook Lane, Tewksbury January 9 at Winchester Hospital.

Thomas joins siblings, John, Jr., Joseph, James, Erica, Gina, Nicholas, Brianna and Anthony.

GUSTAFSON: Julie Christina, fourth child, fourth daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Gustafson of Oakridge Circle, Wilmington January 6 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Pfeiffer of Brewster and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gustafson of Harbour Heights, Florida.

HOLLAND: Kaleigh Alexandra to Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Holland (Sheila Keough) of Hudson, N.H., both formerly of Tewksbury, November 30 at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Dan Keough of North Andover and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony McGuinness of Tewksbury.

Kaleigh joins her brother, five year old Dana James.

JENSEN: Christian Jaquith, third, third son to Peter and Michele Jensen of Andover July 12 at New England Memorial Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Elia of Salem Street, Wilmington and Mr. and Mrs. William Jensen of Glendale Circle. Christian's brothers are Peter, seven and Andrew five.

JEWER: Ariel Starr, first child to Robert and Michelle (Proctor) Jewer of Russell Street, Tewksbury January 15 at Lowell General Hospital.

Grandparents include Doris (Love) Proctor, Gerald Proctor of Tewksbury and Robert and Gloria Jewer, all of Tewksbury.

Great-grandparents are James Love of Tewksbury and Mary Proctor of Braintree.

KARALEKAS: Andrea Kristine third child, second daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Karalekas of Houghton Road, Wilmington November 15 at New England Memorial Hospital.

Andrea joins her sister Athena, six and brother Anthony, three.

KELLY: Michael, second child, first son to Phil and Liz (McCabe) Kelly of Nichols Street, Wilmington December 31 at New England Memorial Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCabe of Everett and Mr. and Mrs. Bo Higgins of Medford. Michael's sister is Cheryl.

LAYON: Michael Victoriano, first child to Victoriano and Jennifer (Bissett) Layon of Lowell December 7 at New England Memorial Hospital.

Grandparents include Thomas Bissett of Powderhouse Circle, Wilmington; Lynne Bissett of Stoneham and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Layon of McDonald Road, Wilmington.

LODER: Bryan Robert, first child to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Loder (Robin Woodland) of Tewksbury January 9 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents include Marie and Robert Woodland of Wilmington and Florence and Donald Loder of Cambridge.

Great-grandmother is Mary Loder of Cambridge.

McNAUGHTON: Christine Teresa, second child, second daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John McNaughton, Jr. of Bradford January 10 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. John McNaughton and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sughrue, all of Wilmington.

MELKONIAN: David Pierre, second child, first son to Mr. and Mrs. Melkon Melkonian of Plymouth Avenue, Wilmington December 15 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Tavilla of Winchester and Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Melkonian of Waltham.

SHEPTE: Paul Francis, II, third child, second son to Paul and Mary (Sullivan) Shepter of Chapman Street, Canton on December 27 at Melrose/Wakefield Hospital.

Grandparents are Eugene and Joanne Sullivan of Crest Avenue, Wilmington and Edward and Elnora Shepter of Vestal, New York.

Paul's siblings are Matthew, 10 1/2 and Joanne, nine.

TURNER: Jesse Gabriel, first child to Mr. and Mrs. David M. Turner of Gowing Road, Wilmington January 15 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Flores of Wilmington and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner of Buzzards Bay.

VIEIRA: Marissa Marie, third child, third daughter to Anthony and Sheila (Ryan) Vieira of North Street, Wilmington January 9 at New England Memorial Hospital.

Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. James Ryan of Kenwood Avenue, Wilmington and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vieira of Melrose.

Marissa's sisters are Ashley and Shaina.

Recruited by many colleges, he chose Northeastern University, later transferring to the University of Wyoming and graduating in 1969. He earned a Masters Degree in Educational Administration from Salem State College.

He returned to Wilmington where he has taught for 23 years, the last eight as assistant principal at the high school.

Ed and his wife Sandra reside in Reading. His daughter Jane is also a Wilmington High School graduate.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage of property at 11 Parker Street, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts given by Michael A. Luce and Sandra L. Luce to Progressive Consumers Federal Credit Union, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States, with a principal place of business at 366 Cross Street, Malden, Massachusetts 02148 dated January 26, 1987 and recorded with the Middlesex District of the Land Court at Document No. 115737 as noted on Certificate of Title No. 24407, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on the 21st day of February, 1992 at 11 Parker Street, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, with the buildings thereon, if any, to wit:

SOUTHWESTERLY: by Laurel Avenue, seventy-five and 15/100 (75.15) feet;

NORTHWESTERLY: by Parker Street, one hundred ten (110) feet;

NORTHEASTERLY: by land now or formerly of Charles V. Blaisdell, seventy-five (75) feet; and

SOUTHEASTERLY: by land now or formerly of The Suburban Land Co., one hundred fourteen and 75/100 (114.75) feet;

All of said boundaries are determined by the Land Court to be located as shown on plan 18942-A drawn by Dana F. Perkins, Civil Engineers, dated December 7, 1943, as modified and approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title No. 6400.

So much of the land hereby registered as by implication of law is included within the limits of said Laurel Avenue, is subject to the rights of all persons lawfully entitled thereto in an over the same.

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For our title see Certificate of Title No. 24407.

There is also included in the sale all equipment and fixtures situated on the above-described premises to the extent the same are part of the realty.

Said premises will also be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all rights of way, easements, restrictions, covenants, conditions, reservations and agreements of record, to the extent the same are in force and applicable and do not materially interfere with the current use of the premises, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public liens or assessments, water and sewer bills.

Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, and also to all laws and

ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances.

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder shall tender a deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in cash or certified or bank funds at the time of the sale, with the remainder of the purchase price to be paid to the Mortgagee in cash or certified or bank funds on the twenty-fifth (25th) day following the auction sale (or the first business day following thereafter if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday), to Ellen O. Harder, Esquire, Sherin and Lodgen, 100 Summer Street, Boston, Massachusetts as agent for the Bank, and the deed shall be delivered at that time. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms and Conditions containing the above terms and others announced at the sale.

For further information contact Ellen O. Harder, Esquire, Sherin and Lodgen, 100 Summer Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, (617) 426-5720.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

(SEAL) Case No. 173408

To Donna Marshall and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A. claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property in Wilmington MA numbered 172 Wildwood Street given by Donna Marshall to Comfed Savings Bank, dated December 5, 1988, recorded with Middlesex County (North District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 4738, Page 210; and now held by Plaintiff by Assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 3rd day of March 1992, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, JOHN E. FENTON, JR., Chief Justice of said Court this 15th day of January 1992.

Charles W. Trombly, Jr.

J29 Recorder

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

PROBATE COURT MIDDLESEX, SS.

No. 91D4682D-1

Cheryl Ann Chilton Plaintiff

vs. Summons by Publication

William Darrell Chilton, Jr., Defendant

To the above-named Defendant: William Darrell Chilton, Jr.

A complaint has been presented to this Court by your spouse, Cheryl Ann Chilton, seeking to dissolve the bonds of matrimony. You are required to serve upon Simon Cutter, Esquire, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 31 Milk Street, Boston, MA 02109 your answer on or before April 21, 1992. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Cambridge.

Witness Sheila E. McGovern, Esq., First Judge of said Court at Cambridge. January 9, 1992 Donna M. Lambert Register of Probate

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON



CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Rd., Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, February 5, 1992 at 7:30 P.M. in compliance with the provisions of 310 C.M.R., Mass. Gen. Laws, Chap. 131, Sect. 40, as amended on the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Northeastern Development Corp., 20 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA 01887, applicant, on behalf of Mary Mulholland, 225 Shawheen Ave., Wilmington, MA 01887, property owner, for permission to construct a single family dwelling served by a public water supply with an on-site sanitary leaching facility with related driveway and grading. This proposed work will be within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of Bordered Vegetated Wetlands as designated in the MA Wetlands Protection Act, 310 C.M.R., MA Gen. Laws, Chapter 131, section 40, as amended on Assessors Map 21, Part of Parcel 8, Cushing Dr., Wilmington, MA 01887. Plans and application may be viewed during normal office hours or by appointment at the Conservation Office, Room 6.

Dennis P. Poltrino, Chairman Conservation Commission

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service news

Michael B. Desmond

Navy Ensign Michael B. Desmond, son of Michael L. and Anne M. Desmond of 17 Forest St., Wilmington, was recently commissioned upon graduation from Officer Candidate School.

The 1987 graduate of Wilmington High School and graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY, joined the Navy in January 1991.

John Joyce

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class John Joyce, son of Thomas and Evelyn Joyce of Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, recently returned to Mayport, FL, aboard the aircraft carrier USS Forrestal following a seven-month deployment to the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.

Joyce deployed with the 10 ship battle group while they conducted operations, as well as provided support for the Kurdish Relief effort.

USS Forrestal assisted in President Bush's visit to Greece and Souda Bay, Crete, in July.

Before leaving the Mediterranean, Joyce also participated in several multi-national training exercises with Spain, Italy, Germany, Turkey, Greece, France, Great Britain and the Netherlands.

This is the last operational deployment for the USS Forrestal. The 36 year old carrier will transfer to Pensacola, FL, in late January, 1992, to become the Navy's aviation training vessel.

A 1981 graduate of Wilmington High School, Joyce joined the Navy in June 1981.

Robert M. Palazzi

Pvt. Robert M. Palazzi has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

A 1991 graduate of Wilmington High School, Pvt. Palazzi is the nephew of Robert M. Buck of Chase Road, Wilmington.

Brian J. Nastasi

Army National Guard Pvt. Brian J. Nastasi has completed a light wheel vehicle mechanic course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

The son of Mary Jackson of Pringle Street, Tewksbury and Ronald Nastasi of Salem, N.H., Pvt. Nastasi is a 1989 graduate of Shawheen Tech.

Shawn W. Lee

Airman Shawn W. Lee has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Lee is the son of Donald R. and Maryann Lee of Pembroke Street, Wilmington and a 1991 graduate of Wilmington High School.

Sean P. Corrigan

Airman Sean P. Corrigan graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

He is the son of William Corrigan and stepson of Terri Corrigan of Deering Drive, Tewksbury and graduated from Lunenburg High School in 1991.

Cornelius J. Keane

Airman 1st Class Cornelius J. Keane graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Keane of Bailey Road, Tewksbury and a 1983 graduate of Central Catholic High School.

weddings & engagements



Veronica Blonigen is bride of Chris DiOrio

Veronica (Bonnie) Blonigen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silverius Blonigen of Crescent Street, Wilmington became the bride of Chris DiOrio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amelio DiOrio of Westover Drive, Lynnfield on August 10 at St. Dorothy's Church in Wilmington.

The bride was radiant in a gown of white satin with lace bodice adorned with baby pearls and diamond sequins. Her headpiece was white satin miniature flowers and baby pearls with a chapel length train.

Elaine MacKinnon, sister of the bride served as matron of honor while the bridesmaids included Marlene Moran, sister of the bride, Diane Blonigen, sister of the bride, Nancy Brown, Lenore Hannah and Katy Connolly, all close friends of the bride.

The bride's attendants wore pastel floral print gowns and carried hand crocheted fans adorned with silk flowers made by the bride's aunt Eleanor Huwe of Deming Way, Wilmington.

Jaclyn Moran, niece of the bride and Christian DiOrio, niece of the groom served as flower girls. They wore white polished cotton gowns with pastel floral sashes and carried crocheted baskets filled with silk flowers also made by the bride's aunt.

Steven DiOrio served his brother as best man while ushering duties were in charge of Bob and Gary Blonigen, brothers of the bride, Rick DiOrio, brother of the groom, and Dave Consigli, Steve Curry and John Baker, all close friends of the groom.

Janice Carriger engaged to David Johnston

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Carriger of Somerville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Janice to David Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Johnston of Dorchester Street, Wilmington.

Janice, a graduate of Somerville High School and Northeastern University, holds a degree in medical laboratory technology and is employed by Medi-Tech Corp. as an application consultant.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Malden Catholic High School and Bunker Hill Community College where he earned a degree in criminal justice. He is employed by J. Baker, Inc. as a corporate investigator and is a member of the Wilmington Auxiliary Police.

A June wedding is planned.

Christine Dennis engaged to Gary Miele

Mrs. Elizabeth Dennis of Stoneham has announced the engagement of her daughter Christine J. to Gary A. Miele, son of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Miele of Wilmington. A March 1992 wedding is planned.

Christine Emery is bride

Christine Lee Emery, daughter of Velma Emery and the late Paul Emery of Butters Farm, Wilmington, became the bride of Richard C. Ondreicka, son of Richard Ondreicka of New York City and the late Conception Ondreicka of Nicaragua on Saturday, November 23.

The Rev. Tom Dean, and the Rev. Eugene Prior of New York, performed the late afternoon ceremony from the pulpit of Wilmington's Congregational Church.

The bride and her family arrived at the church in a white horse drawn vintage carriage.

She was radiant in a traditional white satin gown which featured a cathedral train and iridescent sequins and pearls hand sewn to the bodice and sleeves.

Mrs. Lisa Esposito of Andover, best friend of the bride acted as matron of honor while John Ondreicka, served his brother as best man.

The new Mrs. Ondreicka, a 1975 graduate of Wilmington High School, graduated from Middlesex Community College in 1984 as a registered ultrasonographer. She is currently employed by I.V.F. Australia at Waltham Hospital. She has held both world and national equestrian championships.

Her husband, a native New Yorker and a 1983 graduate of St. John's University with a bachelor of science in business management just completed two years of study at the Gately-Poole acting Studio in New York City. He is currently pursuing an acting career. He just left a six year position at the Internationally known "Westbury Hotel" on Madison Ave., New York.

Following a two week honeymoon throughout Egypt which included a cruise down the Nile and a tour of the pyramids, the couple is now living in their newly built home in Wilmington.



Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dancewicz Maureen Riley weds Stanley Dancewicz

Maureen Elizabeth Riley, daughter of Paul and Carol Riley of Wilmington became the bride of Stanley Dancewicz III, son of Stanley and Joan Dancewicz of Wilmington, in a double ring ceremony performed by Fr. Paul Kilroy at St. Pius Church on September 15, 1991.

A reception was held after the ceremony at St. Michael's Hall in Lynn.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride's attendants included her sister Priscilla Riley as maid of

honor; Kathleen Molina sister of the groom; Donna Daley, Colette Brouillette, Carol Nordstrom, Jean O'Donnell, and Kerri Hartka.

Joseph Dancewicz, brother of the groom, served as best man while ushers included Dennis Riley, brother of the bride, Armand Turcotte, Paul Tassinari, David Carville, William Mills and Stephen Hartka.

Following a honeymoon at Cove Haven in the Pocono Mountains, the couple now lives in Lynn.

Debra Palman to wed Craig McDowell



Patricia and James Palman of Maple Road, Wilmington have announced the engagement of their daughter, Debra Leigh, to Craig Scott McDowell, son of Thea L. McDowell of Chelsea.

Patricia, a 1986 graduate of Our Lady of Nazareth Academy, Wakefield received her BS degree in education cum laude from Lesley College, Cambridge and is presently teaching first grade at the Shady Spring Elementary School in Rosedale, MD.

Her fiancé, a 1986 graduate of Malden Catholic, received his BA degree in psychology from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore and is presently attending the University of Maryland, Dental School.

A June wedding is planned.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ondreicka Deborah Janes is bride

Deborah Ann Janes of Port St. Lucie, Fla., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Janes of Wilmington, was married to John Joseph Dargis of Port St. Lucie at St. Lucie Catholic Church November 30 with the Rev. Peter Dolan officiating.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dargis of No. Attleboro, Mass.

Amy Spurr of Port St. Lucie was matron of honor with Rosemarie Turner of Wayland, Mass. and Cheri Mayotte of Suffield, Conn. as bridesmaids.

Robert Charles Dargis Jr. of Attleboro served as best man while ushering duties were in charge of

Richard Spurr of Port St. Lucie and Peter Janes of Wilmington.

A reception at Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce followed the ceremony.

The bride graduated from Wilmington High School and Framingham State College and is employed as a teacher by St. Lucie County School System.

Her husband, a graduate of No. Attleboro High School who attended Framingham State College, is now employed as a consumer loan adjuster by Barnett Bank in Port St. Lucie.

Following a wedding cruise to the Caribbean, the couple will live in Port St. Lucie.

Tracy Saraceni to wed Michael Fiore

Mr. and Mrs. John Saraceni of Tewksbury have announced the engagement of their daughter, Tracy Lynn to Michael Derek Fiore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fiore, also of Tewksbury.

Tracy is a 1989 graduate of Tewksbury Memorial High school and is currently enrolled as a full time student in the class of 1993 at UMass, Lowell where she is an English major. She also works part time at Osco Drug.

Michael, also a 1989 graduate of TMHS, is currently enrolled as a full time student in the class of 1993 at Stonehill College where he is majoring in political science. He works part time at Oakdale Mall Market Basket.

A spring 1994 wedding is planned.

Pamela Reid engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Reid of Wilmington have announced the engagement of their daughter Pamela Denise to Jeffrey Scott Towers of Newburyport.

Pamela is a graduate of the College of William and Mary. She is presently employed as Assistant Director and teacher at the Children's Place in Waltham.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Bates College and the University of Richmond Law School, is employed by Shafmaster Company in Exeter, N.H.

An August wedding is planned.



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Gary LaPierre

"I give a straightforward, no bull newscast"

By DOUGLAS WOOD-BOYLE

Being named the managing editor for the WBZ Radio Morning News is a far cry from the days when former co-workers at the station told Gary LaPierre to get out of town.

It was advice that the Reading resident and Shelburne Falls native took to heart and turned into a 30-year career that has put him near the top of his field.

During that 30-year period, LaPierre has literally done it all, from working in the mailroom to

interviewing every United States President since Lyndon Johnson. Carter is the only president that LaPierre did not get to interview while he was in office, but did so later on.

In that time span, LaPierre has built and maintained a reputation for gathering and not making the news.

LaPierre noted that he is probably fighting a losing battle. However, he proudly said, "I'm one of the damn few guys who goes on the air every morning, and can go out with my head up

high because I gave a straight forward no bull... newscast."

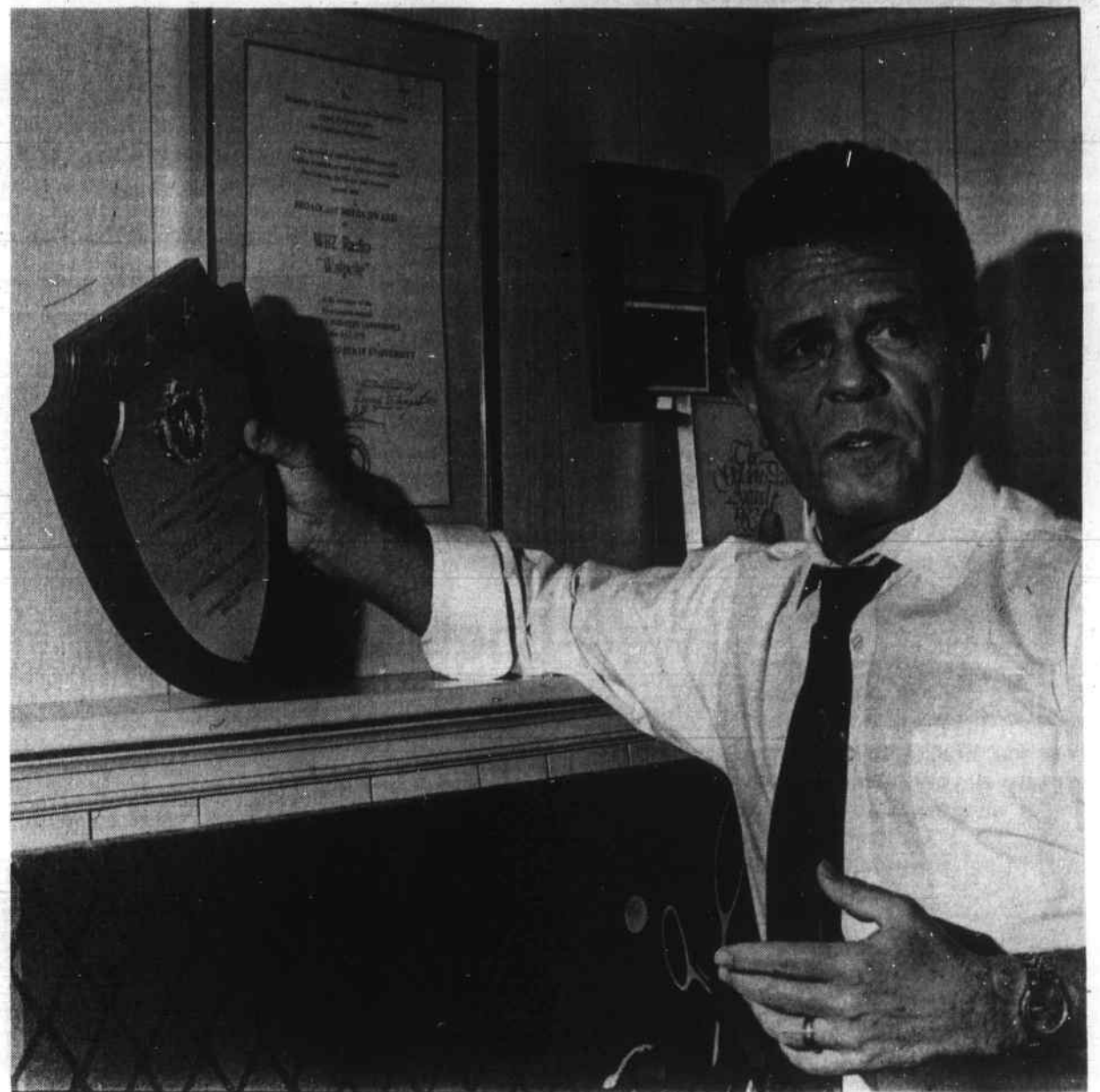
One question he asks himself at the end of the newscast is whether people understood what he was talking about. If the answer is yes then LaPierre considers he has done his job.

The news LaPierre has gathered has been from live coverage of such events as every Presidential Convention since Chicago in 1968, to the hostage releases in Germany.

Now his outlet has changed and with the change, LaPierre has become the managing editor and anchor person for a five person morning news team on WBZ expanded all news format.

The story starts, as it were, when he left his mother, two brothers and two sisters to come to Boston at the age of 18. At that time LaPierre was attending the then Graham School of Broadcasting, where he received an associates degree.

He also got a job in the mailroom at WBZ, Boston's Westinghouse LaPierre S-4



RADIO NEWS ANCHOR and Reading resident Gary LaPierre shows just one of the many awards he has won in his 30-years of reporting events on the local, national and international scales. When he first started at the station he was asked not to let his picture be seen because of his young age and youthful appearance. (Don Young photo)

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Winchester Hospital births

MR. and MRS. CHARLES DOLAN (Kim Champagne) of Woburn announce the birth of their daughter, Jennifer Elizabeth, on January 10, 1992. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Champagne of Peabody and Mrs. Thomas Dolan of Arlington.

MR. and MRS. STEPHEN F. DURAN (Ann Struthers) of Winchester announce the birth of their daughter, Allison Mary, on January 13, 1992. She joins her brother Scott. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Struthers and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duran, all of Winchester.

MR. and MRS. KENNETH HARRINGTON (Cindy Lavin) of Woburn announce the birth of their son, Bradley Benjamin, on January 14, 1992. Grandparent honors are extended to Raymond Harrington of Littleton and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lavin of Burlington.

MR. and MRS. JAMES J. LEO (Cathy Searbo) of Westfield announce the birth of their son, Robert James, on January 10, 1992. He joins his sister, Mary Beth. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Leo of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Searbo of Woburn.

MR. and MRS. JAMES A. LODER, JR. (Janet Melaragni) of Melrose announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Jae, on January 19, 1992. She joins her sister, Cara Lee. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Albert K. Melaragni of Woburn and Mrs. Mariam Loder of Melrose. Great grandmother is Mrs. Doris Bengtson of Woburn.

MR. and MRS. ALBERT JAMES MAGINNIS, JR. (Cynthia Cogan) of Malden announce the birth of their son, James John, on December 19, 1991. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Albert James Maginnis of Woburn and Mrs. Jeanne Cogan of Wakefield.

MR. and MRS. ROBERT J. MORTON, JR. (Maria Langone) of Woburn announce the birth of their daughter, Jennifer Marie, on January 9, 1992. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Langone, Jr. of

Woburn and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morton, Meredith, New Hampshire.

MR. and MRS. PAUL PARADISE (Patricia Ihley) of Tewksbury announce the birth of their daughter, Janet Ann, on January 17, 1992. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ihley of Woburn and Mrs. Anne Paradise of Swampscott.

MR. and MRS. PAUL PETERSON, SR. (Cathleen Gaudet) of Woburn announce the birth of

their son, Johnathan Elwood, on January 10, 1992. He joins his siblings Danielle, Paul Jr., Ashley and Matthew. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Peterson of Woburn and Mr. and Mrs. Muzzie Iandosa of Nashua, New Hampshire.

MR. and MRS. JOHN SAWYER (Healey) of Stoneham announce the birth of their daughter, Erin Elizabeth, on January 10, 1992. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Healey and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sawyer, all of Woburn.

New England Memorial Hospital births

MR. and MRS. RICHARD COGLIANO (Maria Restivo) announce the birth of their daughter, Allison Marie, on January 8, 1992. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Restivo of Burlington and Mr. and Mrs. William Daxberger of Brockton.

MR. and MRS. JAMES PHIPPS (Jacquelyn Houde) of Wakefield announce the birth of their son, James Joseph II, on January 17, 1992. He joins his brothers Trevor Jon and Daniel Taylor. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Houde and Mrs. Lilian Wilbur, all of Wakefield.

MR. and MRS. CHRISTOPHER POOLE (Sheryl Schoen) of Reading announce the birth of their son, Cameron Walker, on January 8, 1992. He joins his brother Trevor. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Poore of Reading and Dr. and Mrs. Walter Schoen of Lakeville, Pennsylvania.

MR. and MRS. LARRY RIDEOUT (Patty Sullivan) of Woburn announce the birth of their daughter, Aimee Elizabeth, on January 18, 1992. She joins her sisters Kristen, Lisa, and Nicole. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Rideout of Everett and Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Sullivan of Dorchester.

MR. ROBERT W. WATSON and MS. DEBORAH A. PICCIUTO of Malden announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Mari, on January 7, 1992. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Picciuto of North Reading and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watson, Jr. of Agawam.

MR. and MRS. CHARLES COLVIN (Celeste Lamattina) of Reading announce the birth of their daughter, Chelsey Anna, on January 12, 1992. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Lamattina of Wakefield and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Colvin of Poultny, Vermont. Chelsey will join her sister Jessica Celeste at home.

MR. and MRS. PAUL COOK (Linda Murphy) of Wakefield announce the birth of their daughter, Lindsay Rae, on January 9, 1992. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Murphy of Reading and Mr. and Mrs. Adam Cook of Wakefield.

MR. and MRS. JOHN O'DONNELL of Reading announce the birth of their daughter, Molly Jeanne, on January 8, 1992. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Buzzards Bay, Mrs. Sara O'Donnell of Rochester, New Hampshire and Mr. John O'Donnell of Woburn. Molly will join her sister Jennifer and brothers Joseph and Matthew at home.

MR. and MRS. RON POMERLEAU (Mimi Fallon) of Reading announce the birth of their son, Daniel Joseph, on January 13, 1992. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Armand Pomerleau and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fallon, all of Reading. Daniel will join his sister Kimberly at home.

Out-of-Town Births

MR. and MRS. JAMES MICH (Ellen Wright) of Wareham announce the birth of their son, Tyler, on December 31, 1991. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wright of Reading and Mr. and Mrs. John Mich of Weymouth. Great grandparents are Mrs. Beulah Jacques of Reading and Mrs. Catherine Keany of Quincy.

MR. and MRS. FRANCIS TIERNEY (Isabelle) of Reading announce the birth of their daughter, Samantha Kyle, on December 29, 1991. Grandparent honors are extended to Anna and Robert Tierney of Boca Raton, Florida, Tanya Talenti of Oak Park, Michigan and Edmond Turci of Lausanne, Switzerland. Great grandmother is Elizabeth Olian of Rome, Italy.

MR. and MRS. JAMES FILOSI (Denise Clifford) of Stoneham announce the birth of their son, Derek James, on January 7, 1992. Grandparent honors are extended to Terese and Gene Beaudry of Annapolis,

Maryland, James Clifford of Dayton, Ohio and Katherine Filosi of Reading. Derek will join his brother Wyle, 6 and sister, Danielle, 2.

MR. and MRS. J. MICHAEL O'BRIEN (Maureen) of Reading announce the birth of their son, Patrick Charles, on December 29, 1991. Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCoy of Wakefield. Patrick will join his brothers Michael, 5 and Nicholas, 2, at home.

Melrose Wakefield Hospital births

MR. and MRS. MICHAEL LINNANE (Susan) of Reading announce the birth of their son, Patrick Michael, on January 8, 1992. Grandparent honors are extended to Ruth and Richard Boyle of Canton and Mary and Joseph Linnane of Stoneham. Patrick will join his sister Kathryn Marie, 5.



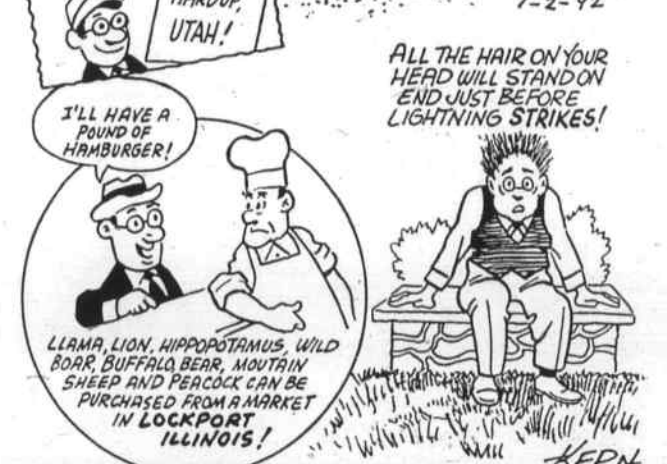
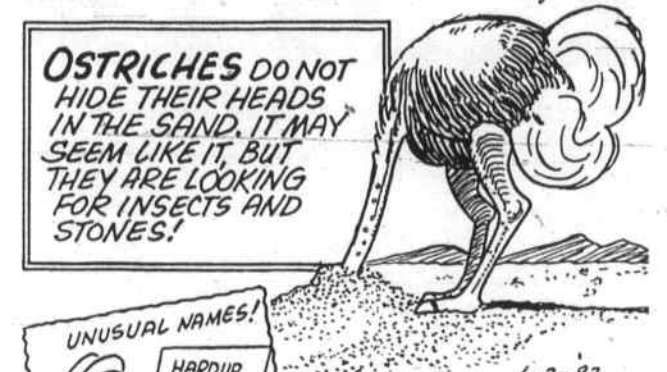
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About the Towns

By PHYLLIS NISSEN

"About The Towns" covers recent events in the 10-town Middlesex East area. Because Middlesex East deadlines are early, please check the front sections of this paper for up-to-date information about your town. We also welcome original material - please send it to Phyllis Nissen, "About The Towns," Middlesex East Supplement, Box 240, Reading, MA 01867.

WINCHESTER - In a cooperative effort to register more voters than ever this year - especially before the February 11th deadline for the March presidential primary - the registrars of voters, Winchester's Democratic and Republican Town Committees, and the League of Women Voters have joined forces.

As part of the effort, three mailings will be distributed to voters and additional registration hours - evenings and Saturdays - will be offered at Town Hall and other locations. Special hours are also planned at nursing homes and the high school.

Calling themselves the Voter Registration Team, the group has planned a year-long campaign, reminding folks that registration takes two to three minutes and requires name, address, date of birth, and occupation.

Under a new state law, residents of Massachusetts may register to vote in any city or town and be eligible to vote in their hometown.

STONEHAM - Altering a previous decision, the Stoneham Board of Selectmen voted this year to make liquor stores apply each year for a permit to be open on the Sundays before Christmas and New Year's - instead of granting openings for "all future years" as several other towns do, and as they had previously decided to do.

Although the Alcoholic Beverage Commission has no problem with a long-lasting permit, Stoneham Selectmen voted unanimously to follow Town Counsel's advice and make the stores apply for a new one each year.

WOBURN - New England Rehabilitation Hospital CEO David Donin recently presented pins for years of dedication and service to Woburn residents Margaret Leavis, Frederick Chase and Eileen McCarthy.

WILMINGTON - In response to the response to an article about the need for contributions to the Community Fund during the recent holiday season, Wilmington Community Fund officers Bob DiPalma and Jim Hatchey are

spearheading a drive to set up a food pantry in Wilmington.

Until Wilmington's pantry is set up, the food assistance program in town consists of providing vouchers to Wilmington residents for outside pantries such as those in Lowell or Woburn. After careful study, DiPalma and Hatchey plan to model Wilmington's pantry after that in Lexington, with plans for a weekly food distribution to Wilmington families, the amount based on number of family members.

For up-to-date info on pantry status, contact DiPalma at (508)658-5107 or Hatchey at (508)658-6617.

WAKEFIELD-MELROSE - The Melrose-Wakefield Hospital announces that Wakefield resident Ruth Stevenson has been elected corresponding secretary of the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital Auxiliary; Wakefield resident Patricia LeSaffre has been elected assistant treasurer; and Wakefield resident Nathalie Stoddard, director of the Honorary Advisory Board.

Esther Osborn, also of Wakefield, is vice president of the hospital's Board of Trustees.

The 125-member auxiliary recently presented a check for \$25,000 to hospital president Richard S. Quinlan.

SENIOR CENTER - The Town of Stoneham's Council on Aging will receive \$8,154 in state grant money to be used by the town to assist in the funding of a portion of food shopping assistance, transportation and professional association membership - thanks to the diligence of Stoneham's legislative team of State Senator Richard R. Tisei and State Representative Paul Casey, and Council on Aging Director Barbara Mahoney.

Stoneham's grant was one of 278 grants, totaling \$1.65 million.

Chronic Illness support group at Winchester

For people with chronic illnesses seeking support and guidance, Winchester Hospital offers "New Day - New Hope."

This free support group offers counseling, information and resources for people with chronic illnesses such as multiple sclerosis, Lupus, arthritis, Parkinson's disease, chronic obstructive lung disease, heart disease, diabetes, cancer and strokes.

For further information, please call Winchester Hospital's Social Services Department at (617) 956-2634.

Team Player Award for Alexander Machine

Alexander Machine & Tool of Woburn has been presented the "Team Player Award" by Harris Corporation for being a major sub

The operation is planned and directed by its owner and president, Stanley Steadman specializing in close tolerance machining.



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Winton club presents 7th annual cabaret "Nostalgia"

Travel down memory lane when The Winton Club presents the 71st Annual Cabaret, "Nostalgia," now through February 1st at the Winchester Town Hall.

The Winton Club is a non-profit hospital auxiliary established in 1911 to support and aid in the maintenance of Winchester Hospital through hospital volunteer service and financial assistance. The proceeds of the cabaret are donated directly to Winchester Hospital.

Cabaret Chairman Diane Massiglia and Director Neil M. Shapiro have been planning the production with the cabaret committees throughout the year to produce a lively, fast paced and upbeat show. "Nostalgia" will feature songs and dances from Broadway shows and pop songs from the 50s. For some of you this will be a flash back to memories of poodle skirts, saddle shoes, Elvis and Marilyn.

Neil M. Shapiro previously directed the 1990 Winton Club Show and he returns bringing with him an impressive background in directing, writing and community theater. The Winton Club is pleased to have Neil's talent and energy in the director's chair for "Nostalgia." Joining the production team are Musical Director Victor DalPozzal, returning Choreographer Cheryl Hayes

and Lighting Specialist Mark Smith.

Relive the adventures of "The Honeymooners" and "Leave it to Beaver." Laugh at the zany escapades of "I Love Lucy." The support of the Winchester Hospital by the community it serves is vital to the success of Winton Club productions whose purpose is to provide yearly financial support for hospital linens, medical equipment and special requests of the hospital.

For general ticket information please contact Gayle O'Grady at (617) 729-5307.

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Gary LaPierre newscaster

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house Broadcasting Company's radio and television outlet.

After graduating from Graham, he kept his job at 'BZ but went to WHAV-AM in Haverhill and WTAO-AM in Cambridge to get his on-air experience.

After being fired from both the smaller stations, his colleagues at WBZ told him "to get out of town," so that he could get experience in a less crowded market.

Thus, LaPierre found himself at WTSN-AM in Dover, New Hampshire, where, as the only newscaster, he was named news director.

However, he did the job so well the owners of the station brought him to WKBR-AM, their flagship in Manchester, New Hampshire. At that time he was named as the news director for the five station network.

For a person in his young twenties, even that lofty position was not enough and Boston still called.

One reason may have been the prestige and the good money that could be made. However, the second reason started when LaPierre first came to Cambridge and met Margaret "Peggy" O'Brien, a Reading native who had become his wife.

"After Shelburne Falls, I consider Reading my hometown," LaPierre said. "I like Reading, it is ideally situated."

He met O'Brien, whose family owned the Rockport Fish Market, when she was also a student at Graham.

The two started to see a lot of each other and LaPierre admits that he spent a good portion of his college days in Reading.

The chance to return to Boston came in the form of a major murder story that broke in New Hampshire. LaPierre had built up a network of radio stations around New England that he free-lanced stories to.

After the murder story broke,

LaPierre had 11 radio stations, including several in Boston, that were making job offers to him.

He recalls that Peggy was asking him which one he would take.

"I told her that if these people were offering, I would wait for the big one," LaPierre said.

The gamble paid off and within two days the big one, WBZ, called. In March of 1964 LaPierre auditioned for the 50,000 watt, non-directional radio station and won out over 145 other hopefuls.

Thus, at 22, he became one of Boston's youngest newsmen and the next goal came into view, "to be the morning man."

LaPierre notes that in television the action and attention are focused for the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts. However, in radio the morning man sees all the action.

LaPierre awaited his chance by reporting on every other shift. When the morning shift finally opened up within two years, LaPierre was grudgingly given a chance to fill it.

"I was told 'you're too young. Don't let anyone see your picture and don't tell anyone your age,'" he recalls.

"That was 27-years ago and they're still testing me. Only now the contracts are for five years instead of 13-weeks," he said.

Another testament to his style and knowledge is the fact that LaPierre has been with WBZ for 29 of his almost 30-years in the business. A business which is known for the mobility of its on-air personalities.

In that 29-year period LaPierre has done all of the radio station's investigative reporting. A portion of the business he sees changing.

"The changes aren't just in radio news," LaPierre said, "it's news in general."

According to LaPierre, the electronic news gathering has altered things so rapidly that members of the industry are hav-

ing trouble adapting to the changes.

He notes that the luxury of being able to fully research the archives for a story has been removed and only the surface is touched.

"When Walter Cronkite said 'That's the way it is,' I believed it," LaPierre said.

He adds that now the public is starting to dictate what is and is not important. A situation which has led to more reliance on tabloid journalism.

"It is a disgrace what we did to William Kennedy Smith," LaPierre lamented.

He noted that the public cries out that they are listening to what we present.

According to LaPierre, "We presented it (the Smith story) and the public proved us right by listening. We had the highest ratings ever."

The recent story on President George Bush's collapse and temporary illness in Japan is used by LaPierre as an illustration to how quick the media jumps on a story and also how good it is to have a strong contact into world affairs.

According to LaPierre, WBZ's contact with the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) Radio News Network allowed the station to be one of the first to note that the President had not been removed from the State Dinner by an ambulance.

It is this same type of resource combination that is behind the moves being made at Boston's already number one rated radio station.

One of the changes is to combine the radio news resource staff with the television news resource. To this end the station is relocating the two offices into one space.

Before the change which took place just over two weeks ago, LaPierre was part of a two man morning news team.

Supplement to Daily Times - Chronicle (Woburn, Reading, Winchester, Burlington, Wakefield, Lynnfield, Village, No. Reading Transcript, Wilmington & Tewksbury Town Crier, Stoneham Independent)

Now the team consists of LaPierre, commentator Peter Meade, and several writers.

Meade orchestrates the various reports that appear from the Accu-Weather to the Traffic on the Threes.

The whole idea came about under the direction of WBZ's General Manager John Spinola, who is Westinghouse's vice president of Radio and Television.

An irony of the situation is that News Director Brian Whittemore was first hired by a rival station to compete on the morning news against LaPierre.

A second irony is that many of the new news staffers are former WEEI employees.

As the managing editor, LaPierre notes he has some final say over what will be presented on the newscast.

As is expected, 29-years in one place has allowed LaPierre to build up a lot of contacts.

"I write all the local news. My perspective is more relevant than that of just a writer," LaPierre said.

He notes that by adding Meade's political expertise to the team makes it easier to relate the newscast's relevancy.

"It is not unusual for Peter to put in a call to the White House and be talking to Andy Card or John Sununu," LaPierre notes.

"With that combination no one can touch us," he added.

However, LaPierre does regret the fact that his new duties do not allow him as much face to face contact as he has had in the past.

"I have always prided myself in writing my own newscasts," LaPierre said.

He notes that he is still writing as much as before; it is just a smaller percentage of his duties. "I am more anchor than I am reporter."

One consolation is that

LaPierre is allowed to do a daily commentary. A situation that he describes as risky. However, the station has separated his commentary by airing it in the afternoon newscasts.

Although, LaPierre likes to deal with people as a part of his work, in his own time he is a loner.

"I like to run, although at this time of the year I refuse," he said.

His favorite warm weather routes are around Lake Quannapowitt or a three mile route he has around town.

He also enjoys his time with his wife Peggy, when he can get her away from the LaPierre School of Dance.

However, it does not seem that either of his sons will follow him into radio or news. Michael is a tennis pro at the Winchester Tennis Club and Dean is a chemical engineer with Kemper Insurance.

As for the future, LaPierre said he expects to be at the conventions again this year.

If the ratings go as predicted he may also expect to be the number one newscaster in the number one station in one of the country's top radio markets.

The cost of treating HIV

By 1992, it may cost \$10.4 billion to treat people infected with HIV -- both those with AIDS and those who are HIV positive. Longer life expectancies and the availability of new costlier drugs account for much of the increase over 1991's estimated \$5.8 billion. The current average yearly cost of treating an AIDS patient is estimated at \$32,000; someone who's HIV positive, \$5,150. From "RN Magazine," December 1991.

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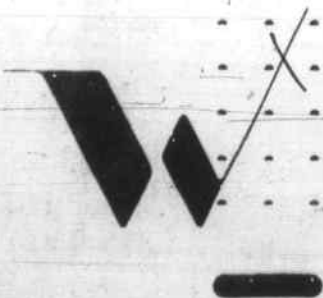
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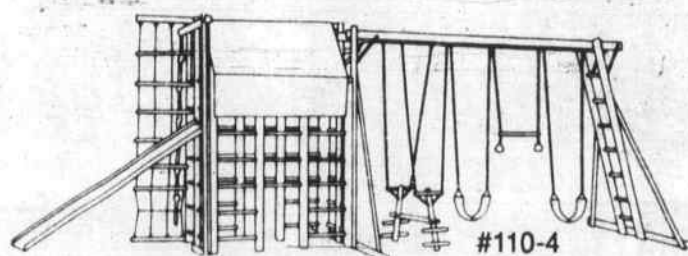
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— A Listing of Interesting Events and Happenings —

TODDLER "LEARN TO SKATE" PROGRAM

Starting February 1 at the Ristuccia Expo Center on Route 38 in Wilmington, a toddler "Learn to Skate" program, designed for 3 to 5 year olds, will be held. Instruction will be given by board approved professionals. *Single bladed skates and helmets are required.*

Those interested may register at the rink from 3 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call Diane at (508) 851-4245.

MAINE ISLAND TRAIL ASSN. MEETS IN READING

On Tuesday, February 4, the Maine Island Trail Association is holding its Boston Regional meeting at REI, 279 Salem St. (exit 40 off Rte. 128), Reading. All current members are encouraged to attend. Non-members are welcome to sit in on the meeting to learn more about the Association.

For more information call (617) 944-5103.

MARDI GRAS HELPS AUTISTIC CHILDREN

The Fund for Autistic Children will host its second Mardi Gras on March 7 at the Allenhurst Restaurant, Route 114, Danvers at 7 p.m. All proceeds benefit children with autism.

Tickets are \$32.50 per person, and include a full sit down dinner and a chance at the door prize - a

Florida vacation for two (courtesy of American Airlines and Sheraton Hotels). Costumes optional, black tie optional.

Call (617) 284-4444 for tickets and information.

ICE SKATING CLASSES AT MDC RINKS

Welcome in the new year by taking ice skating classes at your local MDC rink. 1992 is an Olympic year and a great time to brush up on your ice skating skills. The Bay State Ice Skating School at the MDC rinks conducts weekday, weekend and evening classes for children age 5 and older and adults. Whether you are a beginner or an "old smoothie," ice skating is fun, social and physically rewarding. Bring the whole family or bring yourself. The only equipment necessary are ice skates and a helmet if you are a child age 5 or 6.

Classes are held at Cleveland Circle, Hyde Park-Dedham, Medford-Flynn, Medford-LoConte, Milton, Newton-Brighton, Quincy, Waltham, West Roxbury and Weymouth.

The seven week series of lessons is \$59 child and \$70 adult and includes rink admission, weekly lesson and practice time. The course is taught by professional instructors with 7 to 10 students per teacher. Beginner, advanced beginner and intermediate levels are taught at each class and students are grouped by ability.

Register now for classes by calling the Bay State Ice Skating School at (617) 965-4460.

WINCHESTER OFFERS CPR RECERTIFICATION

The American Heart Association CPR Certificate is valid for only one year. Winchester Hospital is now offering a CPR recertification course which will help participants keep their CPR skills up to date.

Winchester Hospital will offer CPR recertification from 6 to 10 p.m. on February 17th at Winchester Hospital Health Promotion Center, 21 Warren Ave. in Woburn.

For price information and to register, call Winchester Hospital's Education Department at (617) 756-2220.

BOATING SAFETY AND SEAMANSHIP COURSE

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 402, announces its annual 13 Week Evening Course on boating safety and seamanship. Open to the public, classes are held each Thursday evening, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Subjects include boat handling, navigation rules, safety and legal requirements, radio and terminology, ropes and knots, marine engines, weather, sailing, trailering and piloting (navigation).

Register at 7 p.m. at the first class on Thursday, February 6 at the Palmer Cove Yacht Club, 74 Leavitt Street, Salem. For further information call Greg Chapman, (508) 927-3246.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULES GENERAL MEETING

The North Reading Theatre Workshop, Inc. will hold their general meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 3 at the Union Congregational Church, Haverhill St., North Reading.

All past and present members are encouraged to attend, as well as interested newcomers. Items on the agenda include a recap of 1991, planning for elections in June, and their Spring Production scheduled for late April/early May.

For further information about NRTW or the meeting, call Ms. Fluet at (508) 685-2537.

SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

North Shore Arc Family Support Services announces the start of a new program for individuals needing in-home personal care services.

The Personal Care Attendant Program, serving 68 cities and towns north of Boston, provides assistance to those who need help due to aging, Alzheimers, AIDS, mental retardation, neuromuscular diseases, or other chronic disabilities. The service provides for more than one aspect of the person's needs by combining personal assistance, homemaker and chore services. A personal care attendant is the employee of the individual or his appointed representative and not of a social service agency.

Currently the P.C.A. Program is working with 400 individuals of all ages and their families through this Medicaid funded program. To be eligible to participate in the program, the individual must have Medicaid, Commonwealth, or Kaeleigh Mulligan insurance, and require a minimum of 10-14 hours of services per week.

There is no waiting list for services. For more information call the Family Support Services of the North Shore Arc at (508) 745-7767.

HOSPICE OFFERS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

An on-going Bereavement Support Group is offered by Merrimack Valley Hospice. The group meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the Rectory of Sacred Hearts Roman Catholic Church (white house behind the church at 165 South Main Street) in Bradford from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Participants may enter and leave the group at any time. No pre-registration is necessary.

The meeting on February 11 will feature the Hospice's Chaplain, the Rev. Judith E. Thomson, leading a discussion on normal and abnormal grief. At the meeting on March 9 the Hospice's Director, Raymond E. Brockill, discusses the spiritual dimension of bereavement.

For more information call the Hospice at (508) 470-1615.

OVATIONS NIGHT CLUB OPEN IN PEABODY

Ovations, the North Shore's newest night club is located at the Holiday Inn - Peabody, on Route 1 North at the Junction of Route 128 and Route 1.

The club is open every day at 11:30 a.m. Ovations features top



LOCAL STUDENTS from the Humpty Dumpty School in Reading recently visited the Discovery Museum in Acton. These kindergarten children are wild about the Safari Room. Pictured (l to r) are Melissa Shear, Stephanie Frey, Joanna Milne, Amanda Watkins, (front) Yasmeen Kouki.

live performers beginning at 9 p.m.

Scheduled events at Ovations Night Club are as follows:

Thursday, January 30 - Starfire;

Friday, January 31 - Pooset Dart;

Saturday, February 1 - The Boxtops;

Sunday, February 2 - Swing Legacy (2 to 6 p.m.);

Thursday, February 6 and Friday, February 7 - Hollywood;

Saturday, February 8 - Leslie West & Mountain;

Sunday, February 9 - Happy Feet (Swing Band 2 to 6 p.m.)

For more information contact Christine Metivier at (508) 535-4600.

"SALES FROM EVERY ANGLE" COURSE

The Advertising Club of Greater Boston presents "Sales from Every Angle", a six-week course beginning Wednesday, February 12 and concluding Wednesday, March 18. All sessions are held on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Ad Club offices.

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OPEN REHEARSAL FOR BARBERSHOPPERS

Men who want to sing are invited to an open rehearsal with the Sounds of Concord on Thursday, January 30, 7:45 p.m., located at Fenn School, 516 Monument Street in Concord.

Guests will receive a voice placement, and will have a chance to sing some familiar songs. The Sounds of Concord, and several quartets, including an international silver medalist, will perform for the group.

Refreshments will be served. For more information call Scott Domaratus at (617) 944-9810.

PEDIATRIC CPR NON CERTIFICATION

The national statistics on infant and childhood injuries are staggering. According to USA Today, choking and suffocating are the leading accidental killers of babies under the age of one. Appropriate Pediatric and Infant CPR techniques differ from those used on adults - knowing how to correctly use CPR can mean the difference between life and death.

Winchester Hospital will offer a Pediatric and Infant CPR non-certification course from 6 to 10 p.m. on February 12th at the Winchester Hospital Health Promotion Center at 21 Warren Ave. in Woburn, and from 6 to 10 p.m. on February 17th at the Regional Health Center in Wilmington, a division of Winchester Hospital.

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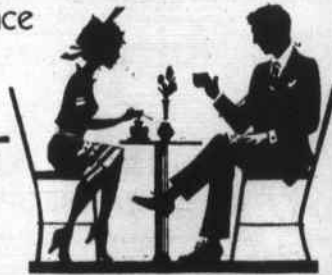
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The MA/NH/VT Chapter of the ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Association will be sponsoring a benefit performance of 'Steele Magnolias,' performed by the Arlington Friends of the Drama, Inc., on Thursday, January 30, at 22 Academy St., Arlington.

A wine and cheese reception beginning at 7:15 p.m. will precede the 8:15 p.m. curtain time.

Tickets are \$20.

Proceeds from this special evening will allow the chapter to continue to help families and loved ones stricken with this disease.

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Call the Chapter Office at (617) 245-2133 with questions.

POEMS WANTED FOR CONTEST & ANTHOLOGY

Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum Inc. is offering a grand prize of \$500 in its new 'Awards of Poetic Excellence' poetry contest. Thirty-four other cash awards are also being offered. The contest is free to enter.

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HELPING CHILDREN COPE WITH DIVORCE

The primary goal of parents who get a divorce should be to minimize emotional harm to their children. Some guidelines: Reassure your children that both parents love them. Make sure they understand that they are not the cause of the divorce. Keep constant as many aspects of their world as you can. Reassure them that they will have visits with the noncustodial parent. Help them talk about painful feelings. Make it clear the divorce is final. From 'Contemporary Pediatrics,' January 1992.

Creative Arts offers numerous classes

Registration is taking place throughout January for Creative Arts' Winter/Spring Semester of Classes. Classes in art and music will begin the week of February 3.

Art classes are offered for preschoolers, children, teens and adults, and focus on developing the student's technical skills and individual expression. Art Basics, Woodworking, Pottery, Drawing and Painting are some of the ongoing offerings for kids, and new classes include "Cartooning" and "Video Production" for teens. "Toymaking," "Collage Creations" for kids, and "ArtsPlay" and "Color Our World" for preschoolers and kids. Saturday offerings include workshops in Sculpture, Mystery and Adventure, and Jewelry Making. April Vacation Week will feature a short class called "All the World's a Stage," for ages 5-7 and 8-10.

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all ages and abilities on every instrument and voice, and there are ensembles for all levels of students. Classes for preschoolers and children include "Creative Dramatics," "Creative Music and Movement," "Exploration in Music and Drama," "Music, Movement & Imagination," and "Stepping Out." Saturday Piano Workshops (open to all piano students) will be held on February 15, March 14, and April 18.

Adult Music Classes include "Beginning Singing," "Composing and Improvising at the Piano," "Folk Music Workshop," "The Jazz Age," "Ballroom Dancing," and "Make and Learn to Play Your Own Dulcimer." A One-night Workshop called "Know Your Learning Style" will be offered on March 10 for teachers, parents, and other interested adults. (Adults can, of course, sign up for lessons with any of the Creative Arts Music Faculty, schedules permitting.)

Creative Arts, based in Reading, is a cultural center for art and music education for all ages serving over 40 communities north of Boston. A non-profit organization, Creative Arts is a member of the National Guild of Community Schools for the Arts. The faculty is comprised of practicing, performing and exhibiting artists.

Registration in advance is required for all classes. For more information, or for a class listing, please contact the Creative Arts office at 942-0538.

Bill Davis and Les Sampou at Linden Tree Coffeehouse



The Linden Tree Coffeehouse on Saturday, February 8 will present a triple bill of terrific performers: Bill Davis, Les Sampou and The Blunt Instruments.

This is a return engagement of Bill Davis to the Linden Tree. Davis is a singer-songwriter from Whitman who delivers his folk originals in a rich, powerful voice. His compositions vary from humorous to tender; his style varies from ballads to 1950's flair. Audiences love his sense of fun and big bag of kazooes he brings to his shows. Davis has performed at numerous local coffeehouses and on WUMB's Circles in the Stream. He has recently released his first tape, "If Only You Could See."

Les Sampou is one of the Cape's rising musical stars. She is an extremely versatile guitarist and singer. Sampou performs a variety of music, from blues to country, to folk, often blending several styles to create something truly unique. Her thought-provoking lyrics deal with such themes

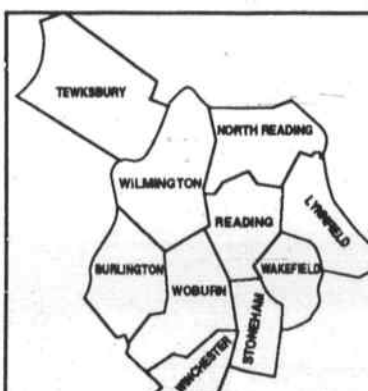
as the complexities of relationships, the endangered environment, and a hilarious yet emotional look at aging. Sampou has appeared at local clubs, coffeehouses, and festivals, as well as live radio shows on WUMB, WERS and more.

Opening the evening's show at 8 p.m. are Wakefield's finest The Blunt Instruments. The Linden Tree's house band led by Paul Hart and Ed Britt, award winning soloists, join with others to delight audiences with their wit and talent and mix of old and new folk favorites.

The Linden Tree Coffeehouse, now held on the second Saturdays of the month, is located in the social hall of the Unitarian-Universalist Church, 326 Main St., Wakefield. Admission is \$5.50. For further information call (617) 246-2836.

School notes

by phyllis nissen



--The Reading School Committee, with input from the Reading Teachers' Association, is considering starting school before Labor Day in 1992 and 1993.

Because Labor Day falls so late each year, the last of school could well occur in July, depending on the weather. According to the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle," RTA President Peter Greene reported that beginning school before Labor Day is not a problem for several teachers but that further discussions are necessary.

The committee will vote on the calendars at its February 3rd meeting - weather or not.

--Almost former Lexington Public Schools Language Arts and Reading Coordinator, Dr. Joseph Walsh of Lexington is expected to begin on February 1st as Tewksbury Public Schools Director of Curriculum.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Yale University, and a master's degree in art and teaching, and doctorate from Harvard Graduate School of Education; and brings with him extensive experience in curriculum and staff development, and the integration of technology into the classroom. He has also served as Lexington's K-8 Language Arts Program Manager and curriculum specialist.

--Reminder: The Understanding Handicaps Family Celebration Mini-Weekend is here. For ticket and event information - Randy Judkins performance and Yogels

eat-in - call Understanding Handicaps President Jeanne Selfridge at (617) 942-1273.

--Twenty-four Lynnfield families representing 29 middle school students recently participated in the Lynnfield Public Library's "TV Turnoff," coordinated by Marianne Utam and Nell Wright.

As part of the turn-off for the turn-off, students were rewarded for several contests which were part of the turnoff. Journals were judged on the basis of the activities chosen to replace TV and the authors' comments on the joys or frustrations of life without TV.

Fifth graders Meredith Deveny, Ashleigh Hegedus, Justin Iudiciani, and Gordan Gravelese won prizes for their journals as did sixth graders Frank Imbrescia and Susannah Richardson. Justin Iudiciani won the story-writing and best poster contests, with poster runners-up Katherine Bourque and Jennifer Sweeney.

Kate Neery and Katherine Bourque won prizes for their renditions of Shel Silverstein poems and Scott Enger won a prize for his scavenger hunt display.

--Winchester's Lynch Parents Association recently celebrated former Lynch Principal Andrew Allan's 11 years of service at the school, dedicating a room in his name.

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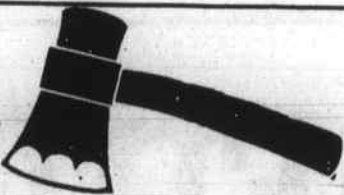
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My cousin is a worried bank teller. The bank examiner is coming next week and he's short two toasters and a set of dishes. Dean Martin said that he shook hands with Cardinal O'Connor and his whole right side went sober.

You know Folks, with women wearing slacks, white shirts and neckties and some men wearing earrings and hair down to their shoulders, I have trouble guessing who is who and what is what. The only place I can figure it out is in a nudist camp. At a New Year's Eve party, Dennis Tully said to a beautiful blonde bombshell he was dancing with, "If I tried to kiss you, would you call for help?" She smiled and said, "Only if you need it."

I said to Kevin Murphy, "You look familiar." "I'm not a bit surprised," Kevin replied, "My mother tells me that every time she sees me." Folks, please don't stand near a church door when the Mass is about to end. You may be carried along with a wave of people that resemble the rush of people at a Filene's Bargain Basement Sale. I remember when a gentleman turned around and shook my hand saying, "Peace be with you." Five minutes later he nearly mowed me down with his fire engine red convertible as he raced to be the first one out of the church's parking lot.

Some marriages are like a poker game. He shows her a pair of diamonds, she shows a flush, then later they get married and end up with a full house! Most of you are familiar with the One Arm Bandit, the slot machine. There are winning combinations like, three pears, three plums or three cherries. Well, on a recent visit to Las Vegas, I noticed special machines for senior citizens to play. You're a winner when three prunes show up!

"Don't be afraid," I said to my mailman Charlie Mullen, "when a dog wags his tail, he won't bite you." "That may be true Chipper but look at that wild gleam in your dog's eyes -- I don't know which end to believe." Was "Hertz Van Rental" a Dutch painter? Sign in my favorite barroom, "Good friends are always together in 'spirit'."

Personality Winners - Rev. Mark O'Connell, Rev. William Kremmell, Sheriff John P. McGonible, Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to my dear friends Cliff and Grace Boutwell. Also Happy Birthday Ed Poskus. Also, Mary Cassidy Coles; Tim Kelley, Courtney Nelson, Kim Black, Coach Bill Cantillon, Firefighter John Nee, Lori Sullivan and Kristen McNeil, all of Woburn; Rev. Carlton Heigerson, Jean Russo, Julie Russo, Brian Keefe, Megan Foley, Adam Piantes, Jamie Morrison, Peter French, Jeremy Teahan, Richard Hamel and Alyssa Berman, all of Winchester; Katie Umile, Patty Carson, Purvi DeSai, Stephanie Miano, Amy Burns, Ginger Boermester, Colleen Killon, Ava Gordinier, Laura Callahan and Leland Preble, all of Burlington; Jim Murphy, Bill Sigsbury, Moira Kiley, Fire Chief Leonard Redfern, Kasha Harris, Mike Dymont, Dennis Brearley, Coach Ted Bryson, Carole Rindone, Dick and Lois Midwood, Johnny MacCurtin and Katie Parsons, all of Reading; Scott McLellan, Coach Dave McCarthy, Brian Trask, Kim Serrecchia, Amy Foss, Kathy Musto, Alex Geracoulis, Fire Chief Walter Mahoney, Jim and Ginnie Beebe and Robert Brennan, all of Wakefield.

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Maryanne Lee, Ed Sargent, Lee Bailey, Shirley McGurn, Maureen McGurn and Suzie Q. Johnson, all of Tewksbury.

Rep. Morris Udall said, "The only cure for 'Political Ambition' is Embalming Fluid!" Folks, how many of my readers remember when the family would get in the car and go on a leisurely Sunday drive to Hampton Beach? Well,

today as soon as I back out of my driveway, I feel like I'm in a "Minefield." Sgt. Kevin Fisher stopped me and shouted, "Hey, Chipper, do you know that Kathy fell out of your car when you made that sharp turn?" "Thanks, I thought I had gone deaf!"

A cookout proved to everyone that Kathy is no Julia Childs. The steaks she cooked and served tast-

ed awful. "For crying out loud," I shouted, "what the heck are you trying to do, poison us?" Then I added, "Maybe you put too much lighter fluid on the charcoal." "Oh!" she exclaimed, "it goes on the charcoal?!"

It was mid-morning of a Sunday when a tourist stopped at a gas station in Reading. He remarked to the attendant, "This seems to be a nice quiet town, doesn't it?" "You are right, it seems to be," the attendant replied, "but, you just wait till that church lets out. You'll think all hell let loose!" If you drive to work, you are in a battlefield just as soon as you back out of your

driveway. I get more one finger salutes from men drivers, and woman drivers and, just yesterday, a kid on a tri-cycle thought I should get off the sidewalk.

I stopped for a cup of coffee this morning and, after a sip, I shouted to the waitress, "What the heck kind of coffee is this? It tastes terrible." She smiled and said, "It's 'blended' coffee. Some of today's coffee and most of yesterday's mixed together." Now I know what they mean when they say, "Here's 'mud' in your eye!"

I asked my nephew Dennis Tully, "Dennis, did you see Santa Claus on Christmas Eve?" "Nope, I didn't see him but I heard what

he said when he tripped over the coffee table in the living room!" I went to Suffolk Downs on opening day. I enjoyed watching the races and the antics of some of the people. A woman tapped me on the shoulder then said, "By any chance, do you happen to have a safety pin?" "No Ma'am, I'm sorry, I don't have one." Just then a loud voice boomed over the speakers, "They're Off!" and the woman fainted!

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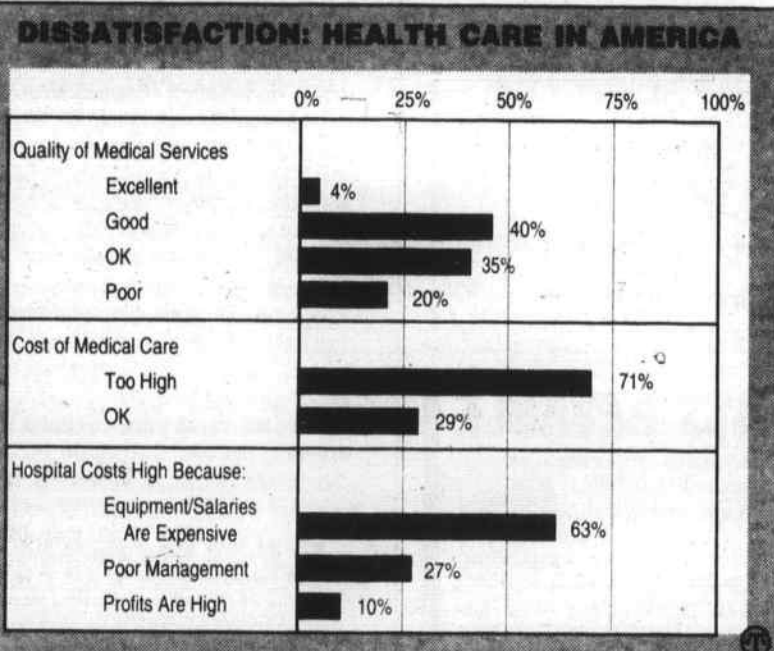
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"Fried Green Tomatoes" Short Takes

by Rochelle Flynn

"Fried Green Tomatoes" Starring Kathy Bates, Mary Stuart Masterson, Mary-Louise Parker, Jessica Tandy. Directed by Jon Avnet. Screenplay by Fannie Flagg, Avnet. Produced by Avnet, Jordan Kerner. Based on Flagg's novel, "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe." Rated PG-13.

As "Fried Green Tomatoes" unfolds, a hormonally imbalanced, unhappy housewife finds solace in the friendship and stories of an elderly woman she happens to meet in the waiting room of a nursing home. Through tales of her hometown, Whistle Stop, Alabama, Ninny Threadgoode (Jessica Tandy) is able to show Evelyn Couch (Kathy Bates) the importance of friendship and the resilience of the human spirit.

As Ninny unfolds her stories, the film flashes back about 50 years and focuses on Ninny's

good friends, her sister-in-law Idgie (Mary Stuart Masterson) and Ruth (Mary-Louise Parker). These two women ran the Whistle Stop Cafe, a railroad eatery that dispensed barbecue to the white customers indoors while black customers ate at tables out back -- much to the consternation of local Klansmen. The story follows these two women from an initial, unhappy meeting in their youth until Ruth breaks away from an abusive husband and hooks up permanently with Idgie, who is eventually charged with murdering her friend's brutal mate.

This back story is lush with detail and rich with emotion. Bates and Tandy may have won Oscars a couple of years back, but it is Masterson who steals this show. She infuses Idgie with a charismatic stubbornness that is as imperfect as it is intriguing. We may not always like her unre-

fined, eccentric ways, but we are always interested. We see her through Ruth's eyes and therefore focus on the kind heart under Idgie's tangled, rowdy exterior.

It is maddening, however, that the filmmakers build up the well-defined characters of Ruth and Idgie only to back away from an obvious lesbian relationship. They didn't have to go the sex and sweat route, but admitting to it instead of hinting and hedging would have given the film more integrity.

"Fried Green Tomatoes" has a gripping, meaty plot that bobs and weaves to a heady climax -- at least in the flashbacks. Stories which resonate on more than one level are a rare commodity on screens these days. Because of that, it is easy to turn a blind eye to Bates' rather cartoonish performance and a plot tangent concern-

ing Ruth's son that is little more than melodrama. But the decision to skirt around Ruth and Idgie's relationship causes the film to lose some of its impact. Wife beating, murder, the KKK and early death are all addressed in the film. It is therefore patronizing to "protect" the audience from the lesbian angle on this film, especially when it is the core of the story.

Still, this is a highly entertaining movie -- which may be why its flaws are so apparent. Audiences, so accustomed to whiz-bang special effects and one joke plots, are rarely treated to such a rich storyline. There is much satisfaction to be found in a movie that takes you through the life cycle of a town and opens up its secrets to you. "Fried Green Tomatoes" balances the universal with the personal, and that is reason enough to see it.

Love Crimes is an utterly ridiculous story about a prosecuting attorney (Sean Young) who goes after a con artist and sex offender (Patrick Bergin). She may, or may not, be psychologically scarred and she may, or may not, want to play Bergin's sex games. The story is salacious, makes little sense and has lousy production values. Rated R. *

The Hand that Rocks the Cradle is a shameless thriller that uses every trick in the book -- and makes them work. Rebecca De Mornay is the psycho nanny who hopes to do more than take care of the family she thinks ruined her. Creepy in a personal way, this shuddering escapism may refresh a tired theme, but it makes that theme cook. Rate R. ** 1/2

Rush tells the low life story of Texas narc officers who are not that far removed from the junkies they bust. Graphic, seamy and effectively moody, the film suffers from a slow-moving storyline and an excessively brooding performance from Jason Patric. Jennifer Jason Leigh is quite good as the naive cop who loses her innocence, and hates herself for it. Rated R. **

Bugsy tells the tale of Benjamin Siegel, the gangster who dreamt up Las Vegas. More the story of the man, not the mobster, this flick really has a great affinity for the charming, eccentric dreamer that was Siegel. Director Barry Levinson wisely made this a glitzy affair -- big in the old-fashioned sense of moviemaking. And yes, sparks really do fly between Warren Beatty and Annette Bening as the gangster and his main squeeze. Rated R. ***

Prince of Tides is a searing account of abuse and healing, starring Nick Nolte as a Southerner who finds redemption in the office, and the arms, of a New York psychiatrist, Barbara Streisand, who plays the therapist and directed the movie, is guilty



FANNIE FLAGG, front center, author of the best-selling novel "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe," is surrounded by the stars of the film. (Standing, l to r) Cicely Tyson, Mary Stuart Masterson and Mary-Louise Parker and (seated) left, Kathy Bates and far right, Jessica Tandy.

of some tired cliches, but the film is still extremely powerful and entertaining. Nolte gives the performance of his career. Rated R. *** 1/2

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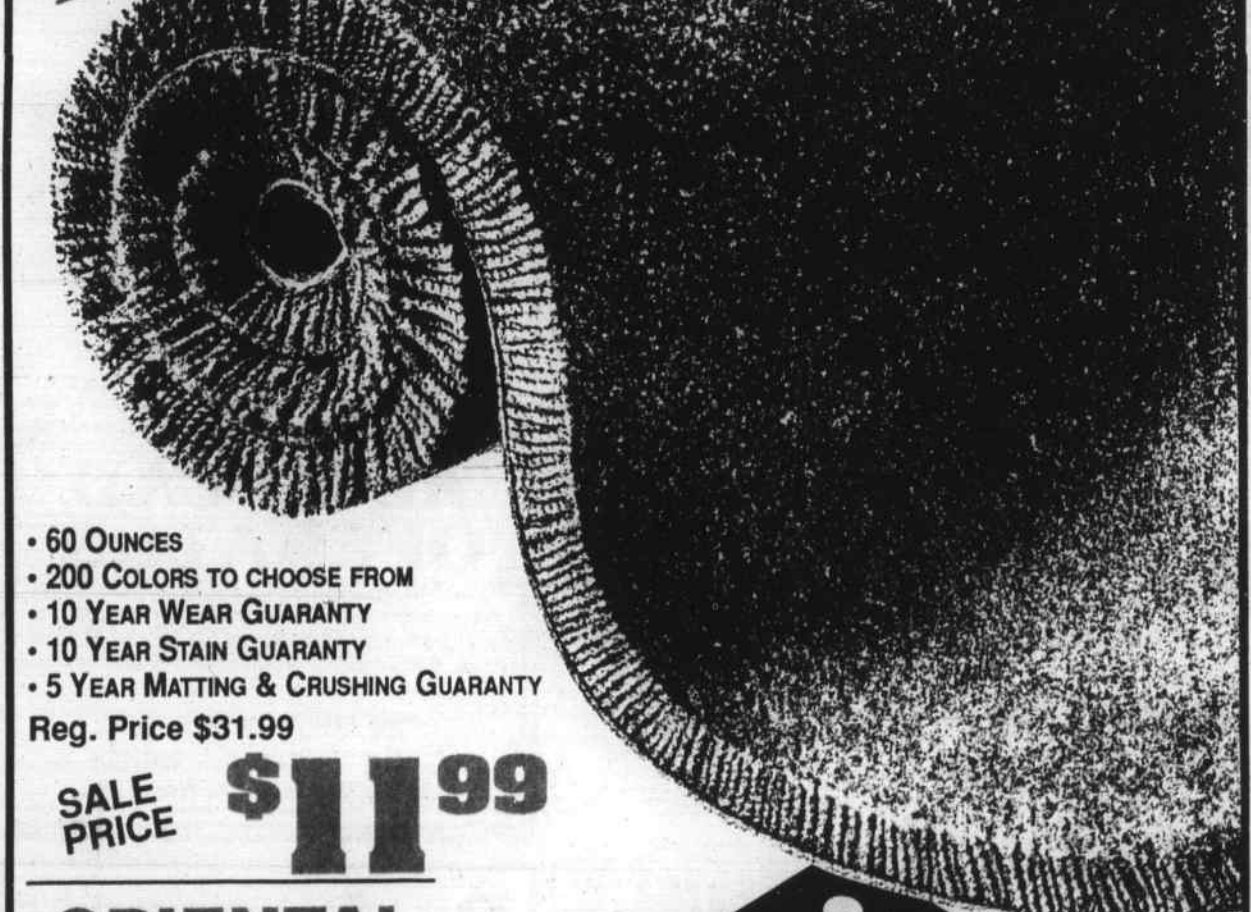
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